# chapter 213.
# Happiness, Three Times Faster

2

MORNING!

GOOD MORNING!

KRAUSER

IT'S NICE TO FINALLY BE BACK...

AHH, MY STORE! IT'S BEEN A WHILE!

IT CERTAINLY DOES FEEL THAT WAY.

WELL? DOESN'T IT LOOK ALL SHINY?



UGH! WHAT'S THIS SMELL?!

OOZE

CLICK

THAT SAME FAMILIAR SMELL OF...

ONCE I OPEN THE DOOR, IT'LL FEEL EVEN MORE RELAXING...

大
DANCER

IMPOS-
SIBLE...
THIS ISN'T
MY STORE
AT ALL...

REWIND,
REWIND.



NEATLY
ORGANIZED
SHELVES...

A CLEAN,
SWEPT
FLOOR...

WHIRL-
WIND.

YES,
*THIS*
IS MY
STORE.

OKAY
...

GOOD.

*UWAA!*
*THIS IS*
*TERRIBLE!*

SNAP

EH?

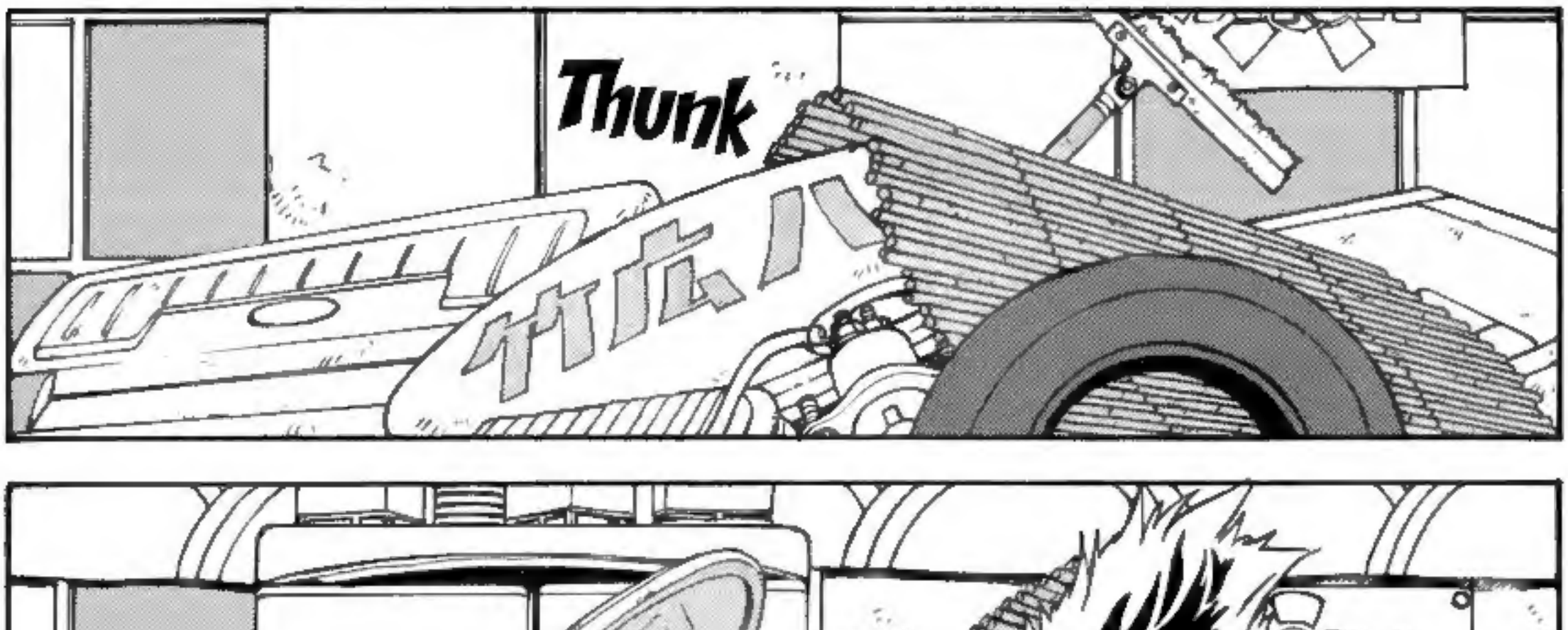
THEY'RE HERE ALL RIGHT...

SPEAKING OF WHICH, DID MY SEMPAIS EVEN COME BY?

MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT...



# TAMAYA, OTAKU! GET UP!!


Thunk
CLINK

OOH--

OH...
UH...

WHOA, THEY REALLY WERE HERE!

WE TOOK PERFECT CARE OF THE SHOP WHILE YOU WERE GONE!

OOH! CHIHIRO-SEMPAI!

PERFECT ...?

EXCUSE ME...

LEAVE THIS WORLD BEHIND AND GO BECOME A MONK!

HO HO HO

IF YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT'S "PERFECT,"

YEA-

IS IT OKAY IF I CLEAN UP A BIT HERE?

AAH! NO! NO!!



YOU TWO! CLEAN UP THIS PLACE BY HAND, IMMEDIATELY!

...IN SUCH A STATE OF DISORDER...

I'VE JUST NEVER SEEN A ROOM...

WELL,

WHY DO YOU WANT TO HELP TIDY UP SO BADLY?

I WANT TO HELP TOO...

DOESN'T IT FEEL LIKE IT WANTS TO BE CLEANED?

YOU SAY TO CLEAN THIS PLACE UP...

*SHE ALMOST MAKES ME WANT TO CLEAN IT TOO...*

OH?

BUT IT'S COMPLETELY ORGANIZED!

YOU GUYS KNOWING WHERE THINGS ARE DOESN'T DO ME ANY GOOD AT ALL!

GOT IT.

THEN GET ME A 14/12 WRENCH.

OKAY!

BATTERY CHARGER.

INVOICE!

HERE-

IF YOU CAN'T FINISH IN TIME...

YOU'VE GOT FIVE MINUTES TO CLEAN THIS PLACE UP.

FINE THEN.

BOTH OF YOU ARE DOING THREE LAPS AROUND THE UNIVERSITY IN GIRLS' CLOTHING!

EEK!

AGH!

連日カレー

後C印

NOW GO!

13

YOU DON'T WANNA SEE THEM IN GIRLS' CLOTHING, RIGHT?

?

CAN YOU GIVE THEM A HAND?

BELLDANDY, WITHOUT LETTING ANYONE KNOW,

Eh?!

REALLY? I THINK IT'D BE RATHER CUTE

I'LL DO SO WITH ALL THE ENERGY I CAN MUSTER.

BUT, IF I REALLY CAN HELP...

*Command them three times faster*

*Support them, creatine phosphate.*

*Adenosine triphosphate, seek the intimacy of entwined branches.*

*Muscle fibers; actin and myosin filaments..*

*Those that govern the motion of the body*

URK!

RUMBLE

WHOA ..

FWIP

FWIP

FWIP

ドドド

W ..

WOW..

Time Burst!

16

AH, WELCOME TO THE SHOP!

EXCUSE ME!

NOW, LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF THE OTHER ROOM THE SAME WAY

YOU PASS.

THANK GOD, A NORMAL EMPLOYEE!

...ARE NORMAL EMPLOYEES...

WE, TOO...

WELCOME!

WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM?

EEK!

YEAH, YEAH.



# DA-DUM

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? THIS IS!

EEP!

TAMIYA, OTAKI. .

GIGANTIC

HUGE

FAT TIRE

TURBO

DID YOU LISTEN TO A WORD I SAID?!



THOSE ARE. .

GEH!

CORRECT

YOU SAID NOT TO MAKE ANY FUNNY MODIFICATIONS, MA'AM.

BY TAKING PARTS FROM OUT-OF-SERVICE VEHICLES, IT WAS VERY ECONOMICAL!

...SPLENDID, MANLY MODIFICA-TIONS!

OH GOD... I SHOULD'VE FORBIDDEN MODIFICATIONS ALTOGETHER.

JUST HOW MANY OF THESE THINGS DID YOU MAKE?

I'M SORRY! WE'LL PUT IT BACK THE WAY IT WAS RIGHT AWAY!

GRIN

20.

THANK GOD. IF IT'S JUST TWO, WE CAN SOMEHOW .

HM? TWO?

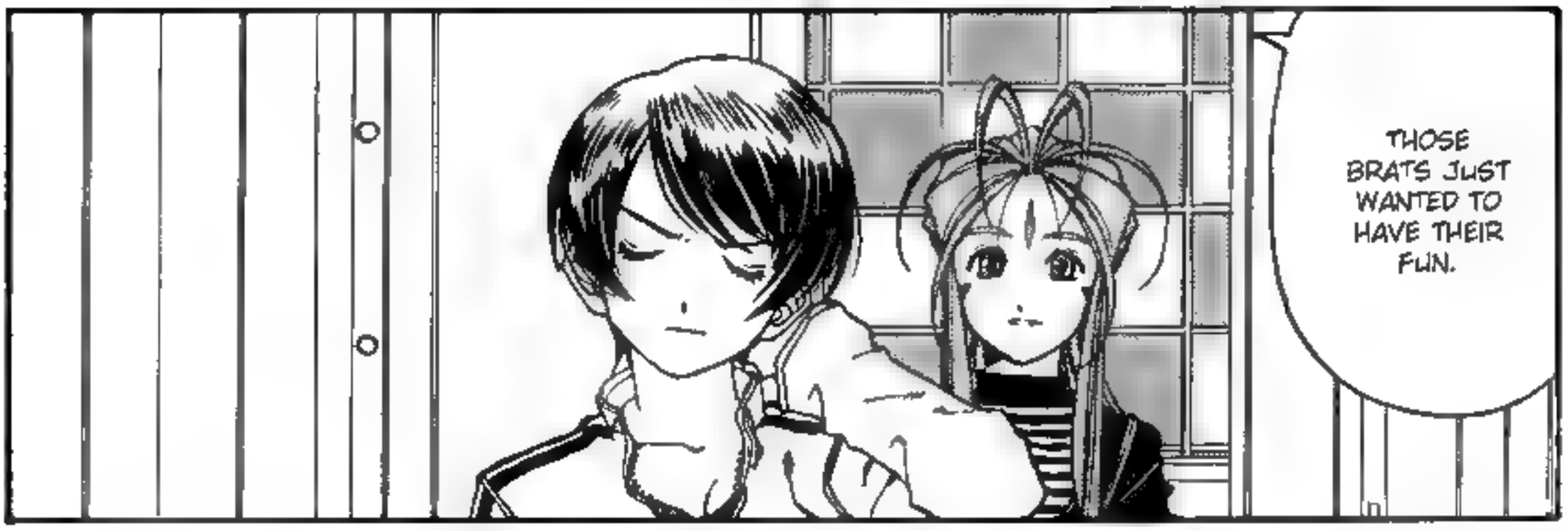
HUH? NOT TWO?

IT COULDN'T BE..

BELL-CHAN, YOU'RE TOO NAIVE.

THEY WERE ONLY TRYING TO PLEASE YOU, CHIHIRO-SAN.

GET OUT THERE AND FIX EVERY LAST ONE!


THOSE BRATS JUST WANTED TO HAVE THEIR FUN.

WELL.
THAT VITALITY IS THEIR GREATEST STRENGTH...

I SEE WELL THEN, LET'S HAVE THE TWO OF THEM RETURN QUICKLY
I'D LIKE TO DENY IT, BUT I GUESS BOTH REASONS ARE PARTIALLY TRUE.
WELL . MAYBE.
HUH?
RIGHT, MORISATO-KUN?

*Four times faster.*

YOU GOT THEM ALL?

WELCOME BACK... THAT WAS FAST.

Oh, the lactic acid

CLACK CLACK...

SO FAST!

WHOOSH

FUU-

. HAS ARRIVED

THE LAST MACHINE.

CHIHIRO-SAN.

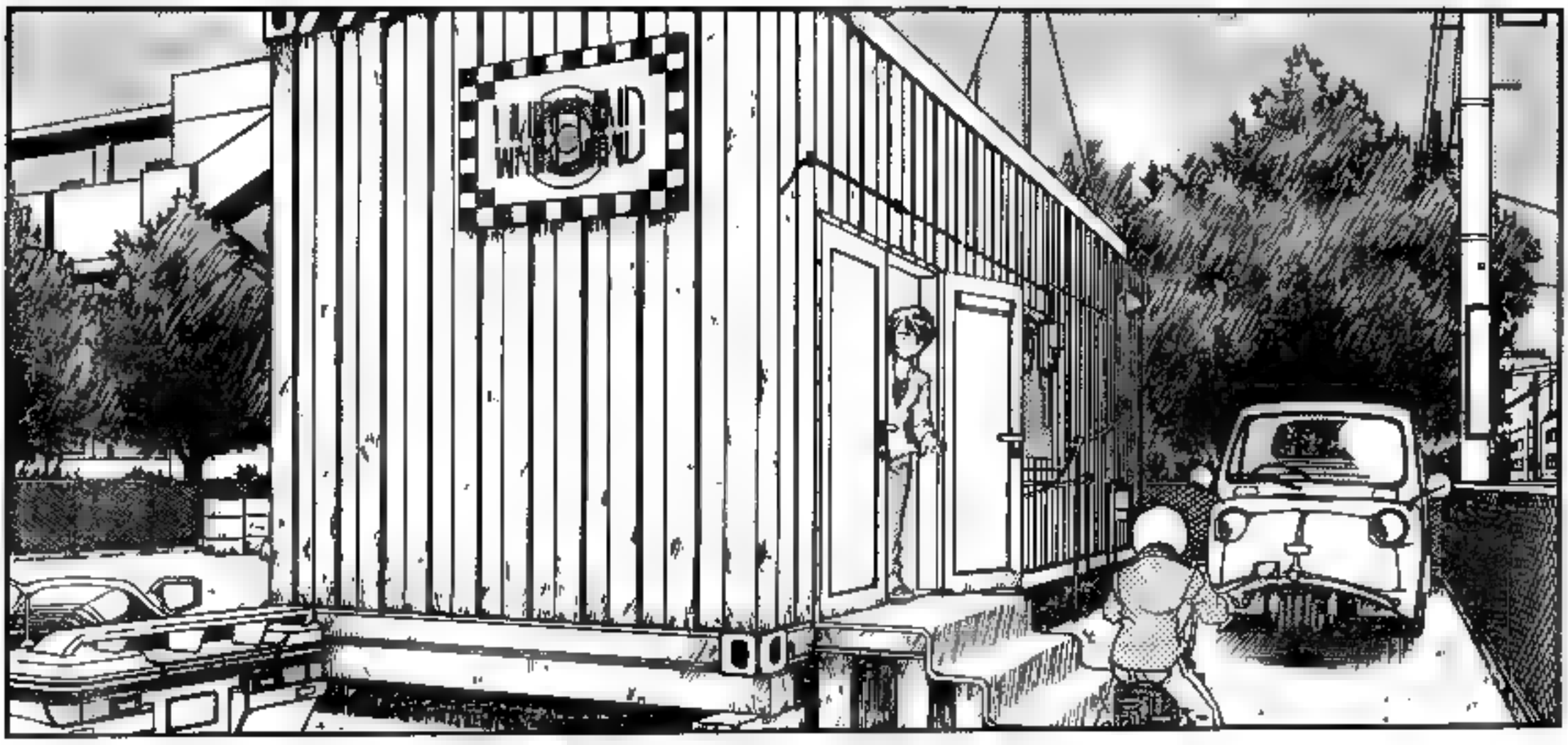
WHAT? THERE'S STILL 1 LEFT?!

19...



Chapter 213 / End

**chapter 214.**
# Engine of Happiness



2

EH?
"VICTIM"
...?
...HASEGAWA-SAN, IT SEEMS.
SIDE!
AND THE LAST VICTIM IS...
SIDE!

PUT IT BACK TO NORMAL, NOW!

TAMIYA! OTAKI!

LIKE WE THOUGHT

YUP

COMES EH?

HERE IT

NO WAY... YOU'VE EVEN STUCK YOUR POISONED FANGS INTO HASEGAWA-SAN...

BUT THERE'S NO HELPING IT.

'CAUSE CHIH RO-SAN IS A DEMON.

NO WAY... I REALLY LIKE IT!

PUT IT BACK TO NORMAL?!

EEEH?!

IT'S CHIH RO-SAN'S ORDERS AFTER ALL--

THAT'S RI---GHT.

HUH?

HONDA

WHO'S A DEMON?!

YOUR BIKE REMODELED LIKE THIS?

YOU LIKE IT,



CORRECT!! AS EXPECTED, HUH?

COULD THAT BE A REINFORCED CLUTCH?

VM26 PHI CARB...

TAKEGAWA TYPE R STAGE HEADERS,

88CC GEAR-UP CYLINDER,

I'M... BAD WITH THE MOTORCYCLE CLUTCH.

...SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD BUY ONE.

EVEN THOUGH I'M THE LEADER OF THE AUTO CLUB, I'VE NEVER RIDDEN A BIKE BEFORE...

AN UNEXPECTEDLY GOOD MODIFICATION.

THAT'S WHY I'M HAPPY WITH THIS ONE.

...NO.

EH?

...GO AHEAD.

BUT IF YOU HAVE TO PUT IT BACK...

WE SIMPLY MEANT TO CORRECT THE PREVIOUS MISTAKE.

OOH.... SPIRIT OF THE MERCHANT...

...IS WHIRLWIND'S SUPREME PLEASURE.

THE CUSTOMER'S SATISFACTION ...

NO.

IS THIS GOOD FORTUNE?

I GET THE FEELING THERE IS A SECRET IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THIS.

HM?

HM.

HM HM?

THE ENGINE?

THE ENGINE, HUH...

YES, IT WAS LIKE THAT.

HASEGAWA-SAN, YOU SAID THE CLUTCH CAME AS IS, RIGHT?

A DIFFERENT ENGINE WAS INSTALLED.

THIS WAS MODIFIED FROM THE BEGINNING, WASN'T IT?

THIS MONKEY SHOULD HAVE AN AUTOMATIC CENTRIFUGAL CLUTCH.

THE FRAME NUMBER IS ALSO IN THE 1,100,000'S.

AND THAT LOOKS LIKE A 6-VOLT ALTERNATOR.

ISN'T THIS THE Z50J'S FRONT?

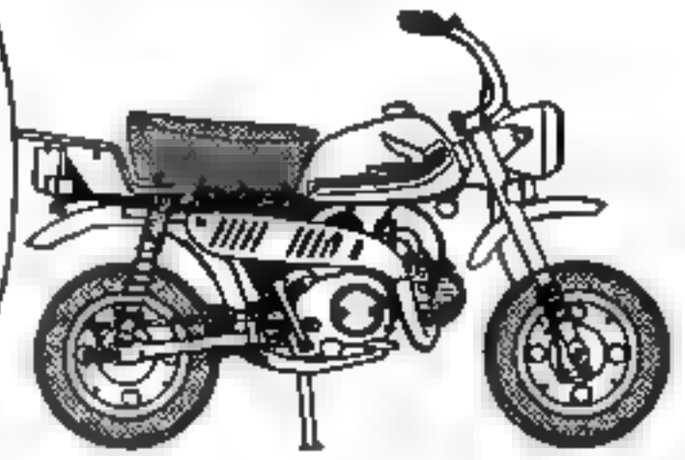
HONDA

WELL, JUST TAKE A LOOK HERE.

WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?

MONKEY Z50J, 1978~
FRAME NO 1,300,077~1,805,927
MANUAL CLUTCH

AAH, I SEE.



MONKEY Z50J1, 1974~1977
FRAME NO 1,100,001~1 195,595
AUTOMATIC CENTRIFUGAL CLUTCH

8

5?!

1.2.3

UM.... MUSTA BEEN A 5-SPEED.

I WONDER IF IT'S A CL50? WHAT SPEED WAS IT?

BUT A 6V ENGINE WITH A MANUAL CLUTCH...

--YOU SAY?!

A S-SPEED --

EH? EEH? WHERE...?

SHAKE SHAKE

HASEGAWA-SAN, WHERE'S THAT ENGINE?



IF YOU CAN'T FIND IT WITHIN 1 MINUTE...

OTAKI,

TAMIYA,

HEHEHE

THE SENPAIS TOOK IT SOME-WHERE...

WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE PICTURES?!

I'M GONNA SELL THESE EMBARRASSING PICTURES TO THE UNIVERSITY GOSSIP MAGAZINE!!



WHOOSH!

10 TIMES FASTER!

OKAY!

BE...DANDY, PLEASE...

THIS IS IT!

11

EH?

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE ENGINE NUMBER!

IT'S A NORMAL MONKEY ENGINE.

HUH?

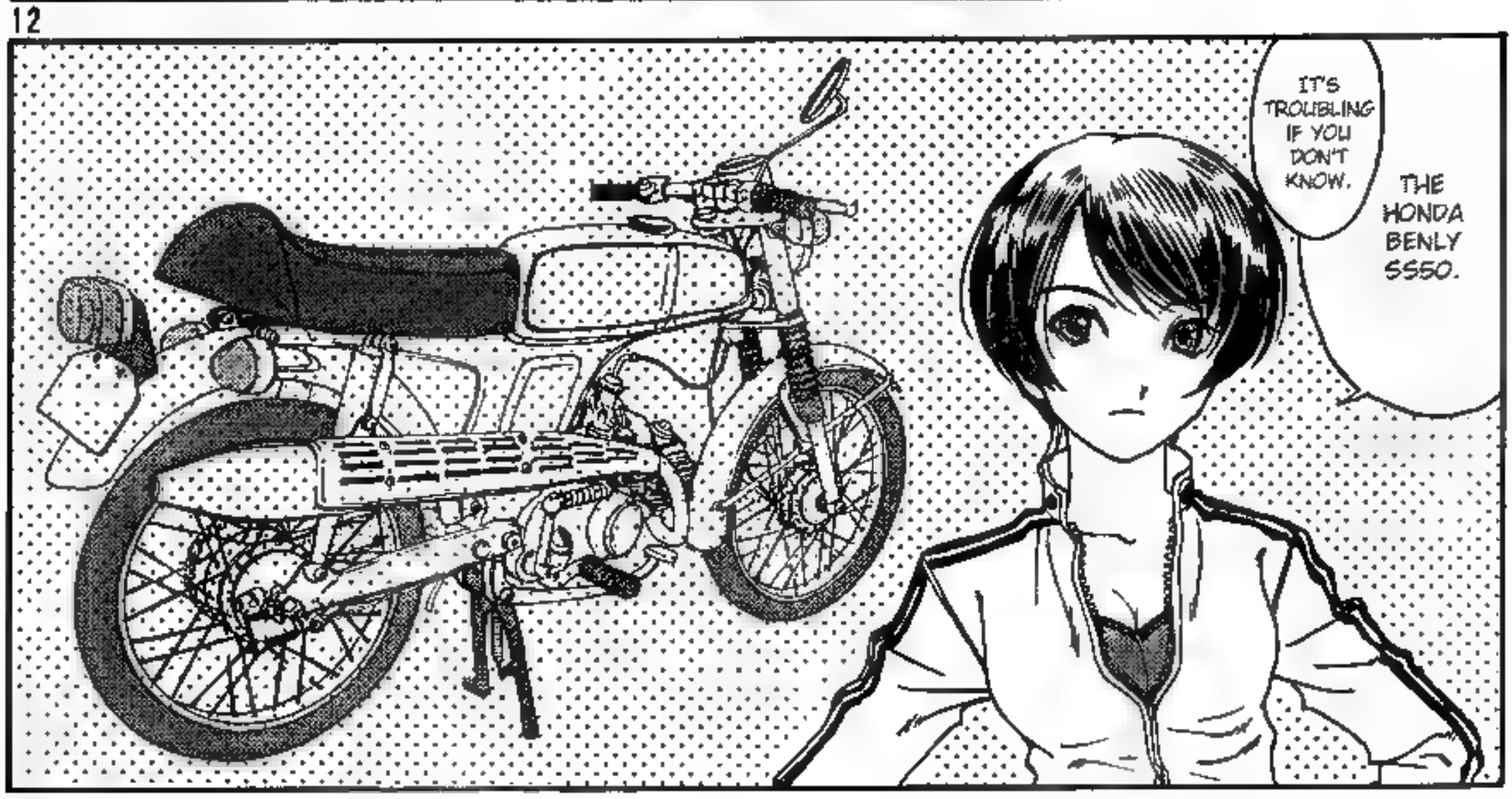
NU SS50E
102881

UMM... SS50--

THAT'S RIGHT, A SS50 ENGINE.

I THINK I'VE HEARD OF THAT BEFORE.
SS50?




IT'S TROUBLING IF YOU DON'T KNOW.
THE HONDA BENLY SS50.

OVERHEAD CAM, HIGH COMPRESSION PISTON...

WITHIN THE CUB-TYPE ENG NE CATEGORY, THIS IS THE ONLY ONE THAT COMES A WITH FIVE-SPEED TRANSMISSION AS STANDARD EQUIPMENT.

IT CAN PUT OUT ABOUT 6 HORSEPOWER.

AND WITH ITS 20 PHI CARB CLASS...

THE NUMBER OF BEARINGS HAS BEEN REDUCED TOO.

INTERESTING -- THIS IS THE F RST TIME I'VE SEEN ONE.

I'VE SEARCHED SO LONG...

I'VE BEEN WANTING TO PUT ONE OF THESE IN MY MONKEY

THIS MACH NE GOT GOOD RESULTS IN THE CIRCUIT RACES.

DURING THE RISE OF THE 2-CYCLE ENGINE,

AHH... TO THINK IT'S RIGHT HERE IN FRONT OF ME NOW, I...



THE REMNANTS OF THE OLD AND THE AGGREGATE MADE AS NEW ARE BOTH HAPPY.

AH-

CHIHIRO-SAN, YOU SEEM SO DELIGHTED.

TAMIYA, OTAKI... FOR MY SAKE?

AS EXPECTED FROM CHIHIRO-SAN'S KOUHAI.

DAI-CHAN.

DEN-CHAN.

AH, THANK GOODNESS.

THANK GOODNESS.

...MUST BE THE PRODUCT OF HAVING GOOD HABITS!

FOR THIS TO BE THE ENGINE THAT CHIHIRO-SAN COVETS...



TWITCH TWITCH

...

IT'S LIKE THEY JUST DON'T GET IT.

YES... I DO WANT TO TRY PUTTING IT TOGETHER.

CH HIRO-SAN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO PUT THIS TOGETHER?

LOOKS LIKE EVEN SOMEONE WHO'S NOT GOOD AT POPPING WHEELIES WOULD BE ABLE TO, EH?

THE HORSEPOWER SHOULD BE CLOSE TO 3 TIMES AS MUCH, DON'T YOU THINK?

I WONDER HOW IT'LL TURN OUT.



OKAY! LET'S DO IT AT ONCE.

WE SHOULD HURRY UP AND GET IT RUNN NG.

AH?

NOW'S THE TIME FOR ME TO GET OUTTA HERE.

I'M SURE THEY'RE GONNA ASK ME TO SPONSOR THEM...

...GONNA SAY GOODBYE FOR TODAY!

THIS-- THAT IS--I'M JUST...

TWIST

AH!

ARE YOU GOING BACK, HASEGAWA-SAN?

GAH?!

YEA YEA, THAT'S THE FEELING.

STOP! STOP!

30 TIMES--

UNDER-STOOD.

O--KAY, LET'S HURRY UP AND DO THIS THING.

I WILL HELP OUT TOO!

5 TIMES SLOWER--

IN THAT CASE,

IS IT?

THIS IS SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO DO SLOWLY TO REALLY ENJOY.

EH?!



THA--T'S-- NO--T WHA--T I-- M--EANT...

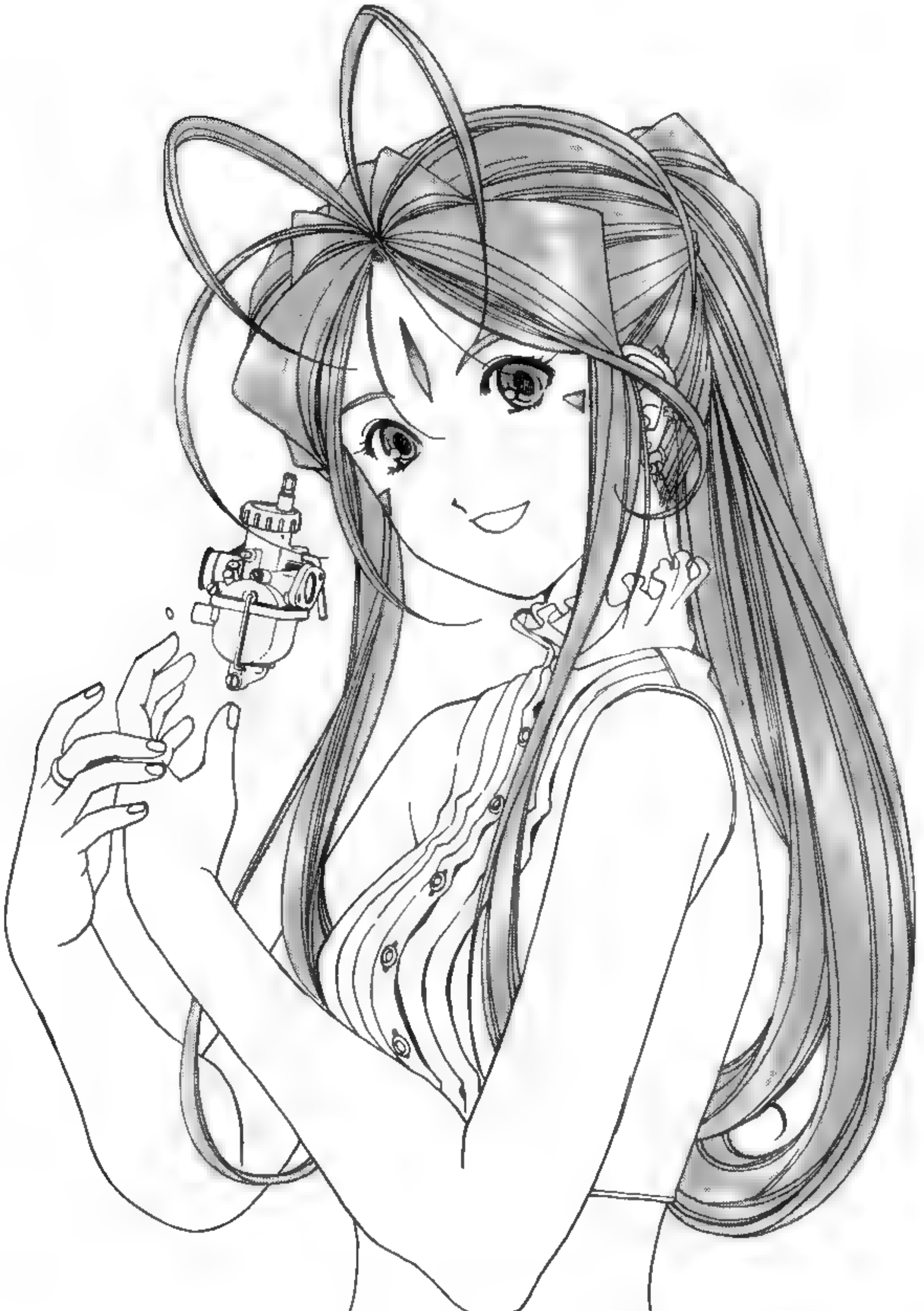
?

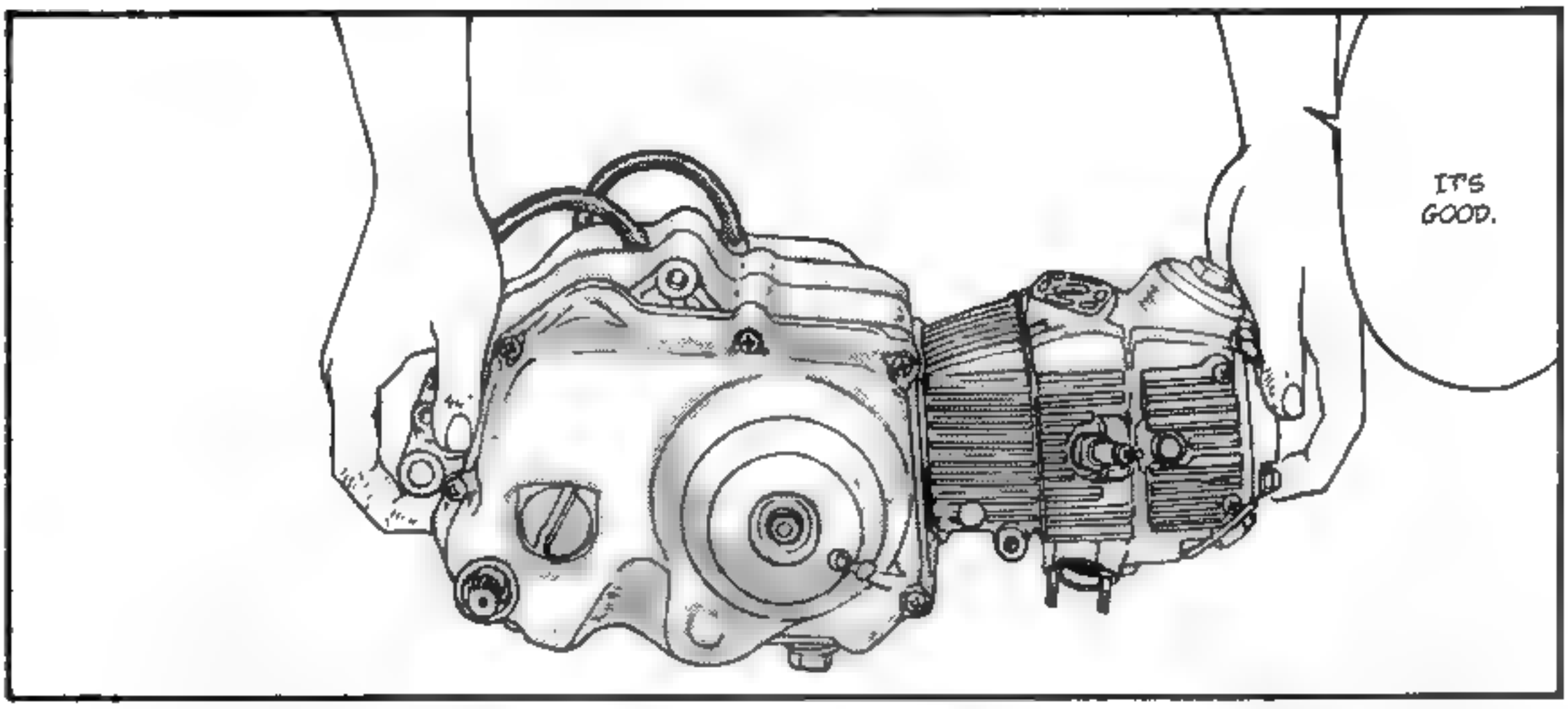
LE--T'S CLE--AR THE--SE A--WA--Y

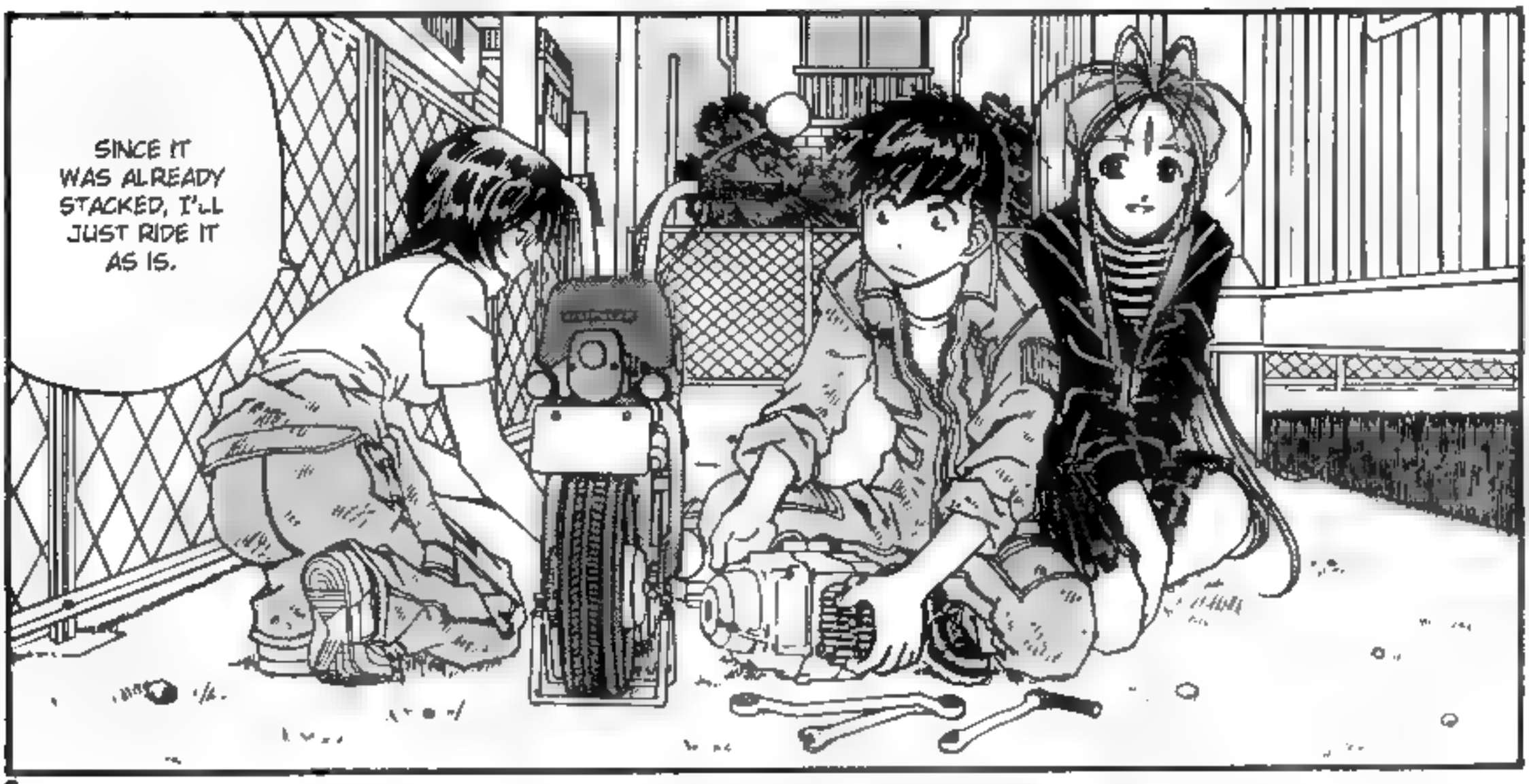
SL--OW--ER

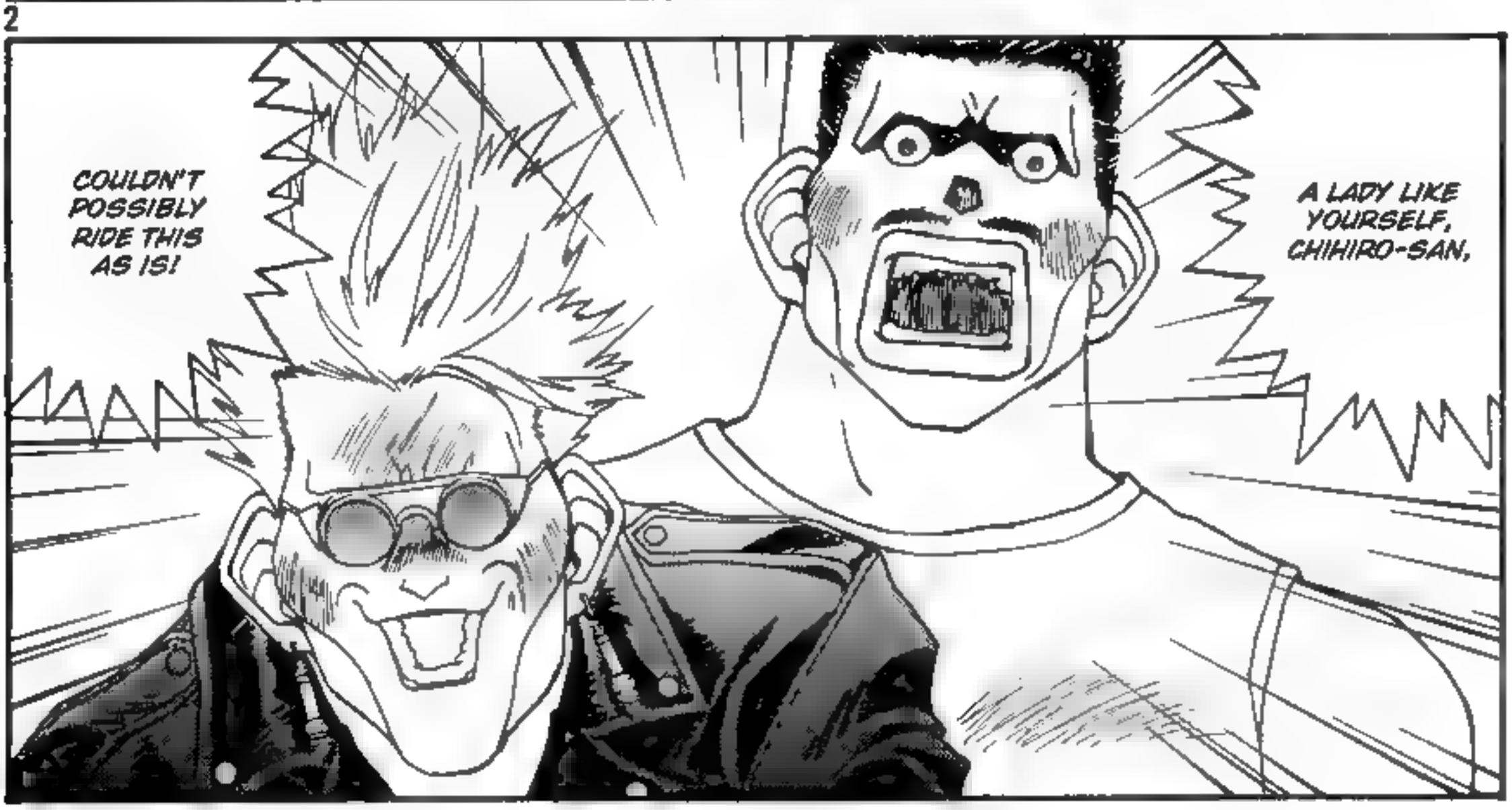
Chapter 214 / End

**chapter 215.**
# Happy Monkey Generations




IT'S GOOD.


SINCE IT WAS ALREADY STACKED, I'LL JUST RIDE IT AS IS.


COULDN'T POSSIBLY RIDE THIS AS IS!
A LADY LIKE YOURSELF, CHIHIRO-SAN,

OH!

IS THIS 88 CC BORE UP CYLINDER

THE PERFECT THING FOR YOU, CHIHIRO-SAN,

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

WHAT THE...

MAY I ALSO RECOMMEND A TWIN SPARK HEAD?

AAAAAA

OOH!

THE COOLING SYSTEM--

WE ALSO HAVE TO UPGRADE THE OIL COOLER PUMP, TOO.

HOLD IT.

AND IF WE DO THAT, WE'LL HAVE TO STRENGTHEN THE CLUTCH, TOO, HUH.

THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL!

IF YOU'RE GONNA GO THAT FAR, YOU'LL WANT A 106CC CRANK, RIGHT?

THE ONLY THING LEFT OF THE ORIGINAL MACHINE WILL BE THE CRANK CASE.

IF WE PUT IN A 6-SPEED CROSS AND AN OUTER ROTOR KIT--



AS IT STANDS, EVERYTHING ON MY MONKEY BUT THE CRANK CASE IS ALREADY THIRD-PARTY.

WELL, I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT.

ACK!

...THAT I WANT TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE ORIGINAL FORM OF THIS ONE.

BUT, IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT ...

I CAN'T TREAT IT WITH NEGLECT.

THIS IS A LIVING WITNESS OF THOSE DAYS' TECHNOLOGY.

WE INHERIT THIS...

I SEE. THAT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?

OH--

OK, THEN I'M PUTTING IT BACK TOGETHER!

...AND THEN WE HAVE TO PASS IT ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION.

TWIST

YOU'RE BRIMMING OVER WITH DES·RE TO RIDE IT.

HUH? IS IT REALLY OK?

I'LL GIVE THE FIRST RIDE OVER TO YOU.

WANNA GET ON AND TRY IT?

IF YOU'RE UP TO IT,

NOW THAT IT SITS BEFORE US, IT DOESN'T SEEM ANY DIFFERENT FROM A REGULAR MODEL.

TH... THAT'S A WE RD NOISE.

CHUG CHUG

IDA

BBRRRM

CLACK

I GUESS SO. IT'S KINDA NERVE-WRACKING.

NOW IT'S 6 HORSEPOWER. BE CAREFUL, OK?

IT WAS ORIGINALLY 2.3 HORSE-POWER.

VROOM VROOM

THE ENGINE DISPLACEMENT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FUN OF RIDING A MOTORCYCLE, THOUGH.

THOSE TWO DID THIS FOR MY SAKE, HUH?

WOAH! THIS THING IS...

GOOD THING IT TURNED OUT TO BE FUN.

IF THEY DID IT FOR ME, THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN THE OTHER MODIFICATIONS.

YEAH, I GUESS SO.

ER,

I DON'T THINK THEY MODIFIED IT FOR CHIHIRO-SAN'S SAKE.



THOUGH THEY DIDN'T REALLY GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS.

I THINK THEY WANTED THE CUSTOMERS TO BE HAPPY.

IT DIDN'T REACH 90% OF THE CUSTOMERS.

BUT IT REACHED CHIHIRO-SAN AND HASEGAWA-SAN.

...WENT HAND-IN-HAND WITH CHIHIRO-SAN'S DESIRES.

MAKING HASEGAWA-SAN'S RUN MORE SMOOTHLY FOR HER...



THEY WERE TIED TOGETHER BY THEIR STRONG FEELINGS TOWARDS CHIHIRO-SAN.

THIS WAS NO COINCIDENCE.

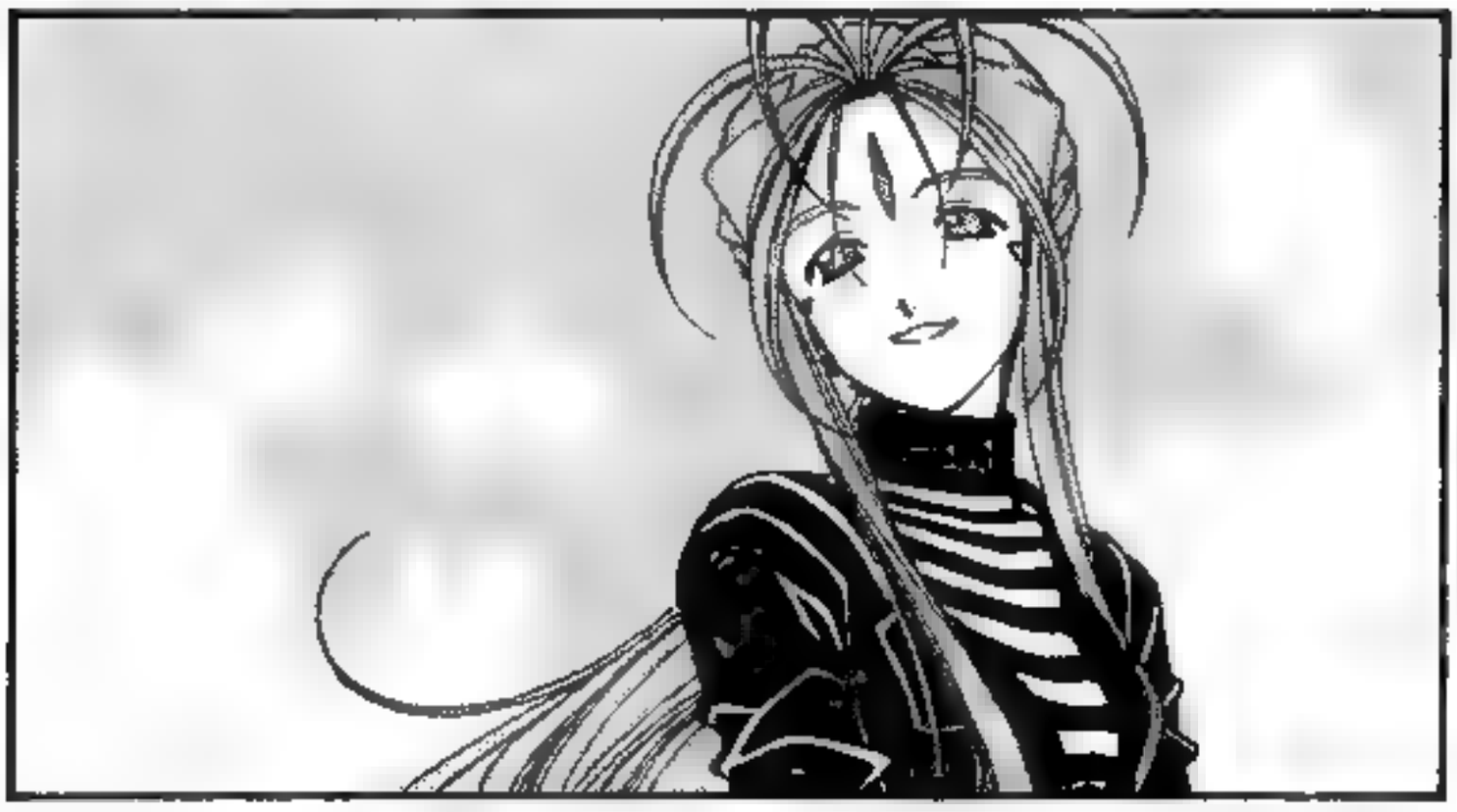
AND THE R EMOTIONS CAN BE FELT THROUGH THOSE OBJECTS AS WELL.

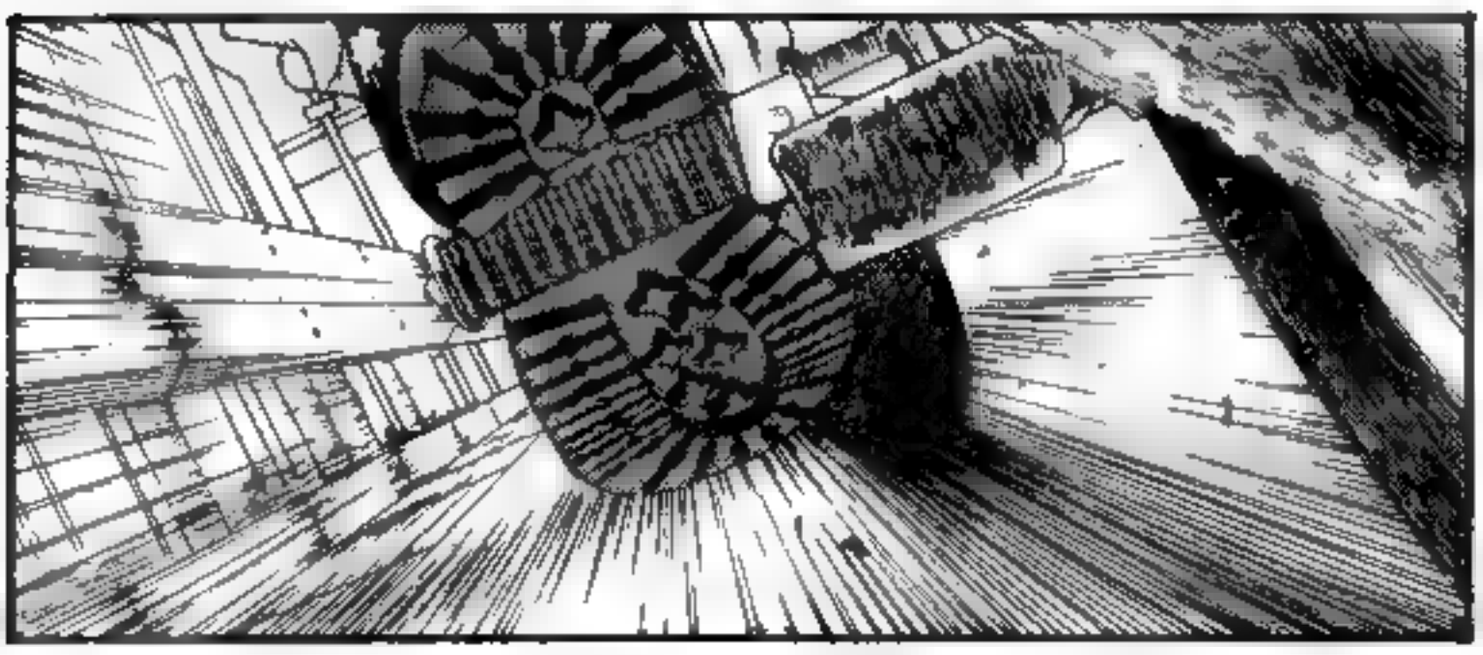
PEOPLE GIVE THE R THOUGHTS TO OBJECTS TO CARRY,

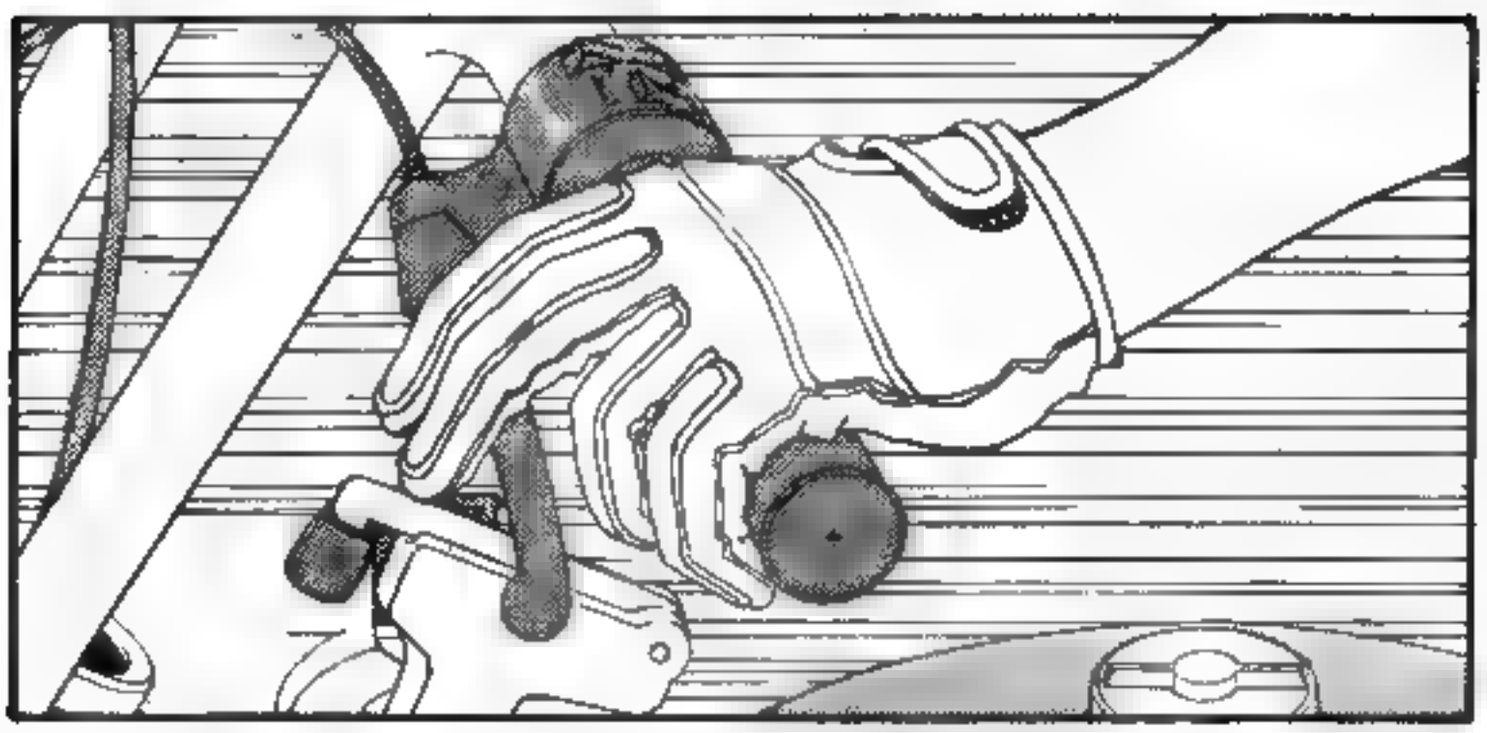
SOMETHING TO PASS ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION.

THIS IS EXACTLY LIKE WHAT KE ICHI-SAN SAID BEFORE.

RIGHT, TAMIYA? OTAKI?







WELL, I GUESS I'LL JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT.

WHOA!

KONDO

14

THE THOUGHTS OF ITS CREATOR...

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS THE SAME C-TYPE ENGINE AS THE CUB.

BUT THIS POWERFUL TURNING--

THE ORIGINAL MONKEY IS HEART-WARMING TOO,

THIS IS FUN!

CHUG CHUG

I'M SURE I COULD ALSO CREATE SOMETHING TO PASS ON.

...DEFINITELY SAYING "GOOD ENGINE."



IT'S A FANTASTIC ENGINE.

BUT...

WELCOME BACK. HOW WAS IT?

HMM. ONLY THING YOU CAN DO IS PUT IN DISK BRAKES.

AS IT IS NOW, I WANT TO UP THE BRAKE PERFORMANCE.

It's got some spin.

BUT?

YOU MAY AS WELL EXTEND THE SWING ARM.

AND GIVE IT AN ALUMINUM FRAME.

IF YOU DO THAT, YOU NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE FRONT FORK!



HUH?

LIKE. I. SAID.

IF WE DO THAT, IT WON'T BE A MONKEY ANY MORE!

Chapter 215 / End

# Chapter 216
# For Your Sake I'll Fly-y-y

2

TODAY'S "LADY OF THE LAKE" WAS GOOD TOO.

Lady of the Lake
THE END
Tune in tomorrow
for another episode

I'VE GOT YOU NOW!

Hello. Welcome to "The Front-lines of Industry"

CHANGE.

CHANNEL.



I WAS THINKING OF WATCHING THAT!

AH!

YOU CAN WATCH IT IF YOU WANT, BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU HAD SOME PROMISE?

BANPEI-KU-U-UN!

OH! THAT'S RIGHT!



I GET TO WATCH WHAT I WANT NEXT!

THAT'S PRETTY HOT.

OH MY, OH MY! SHE'S GIVING UP HER BELOVED SHOW TO MEET WITH SENTARO.

5

MY THANKS, SENTARO-KUN.

NOW, THANKS TO HIM, I CAN WATCH TV TO MY HEARTS CONTENT!

HAA...

6

WHAT AM I GONNA DO?

OWA!

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT WHAT?

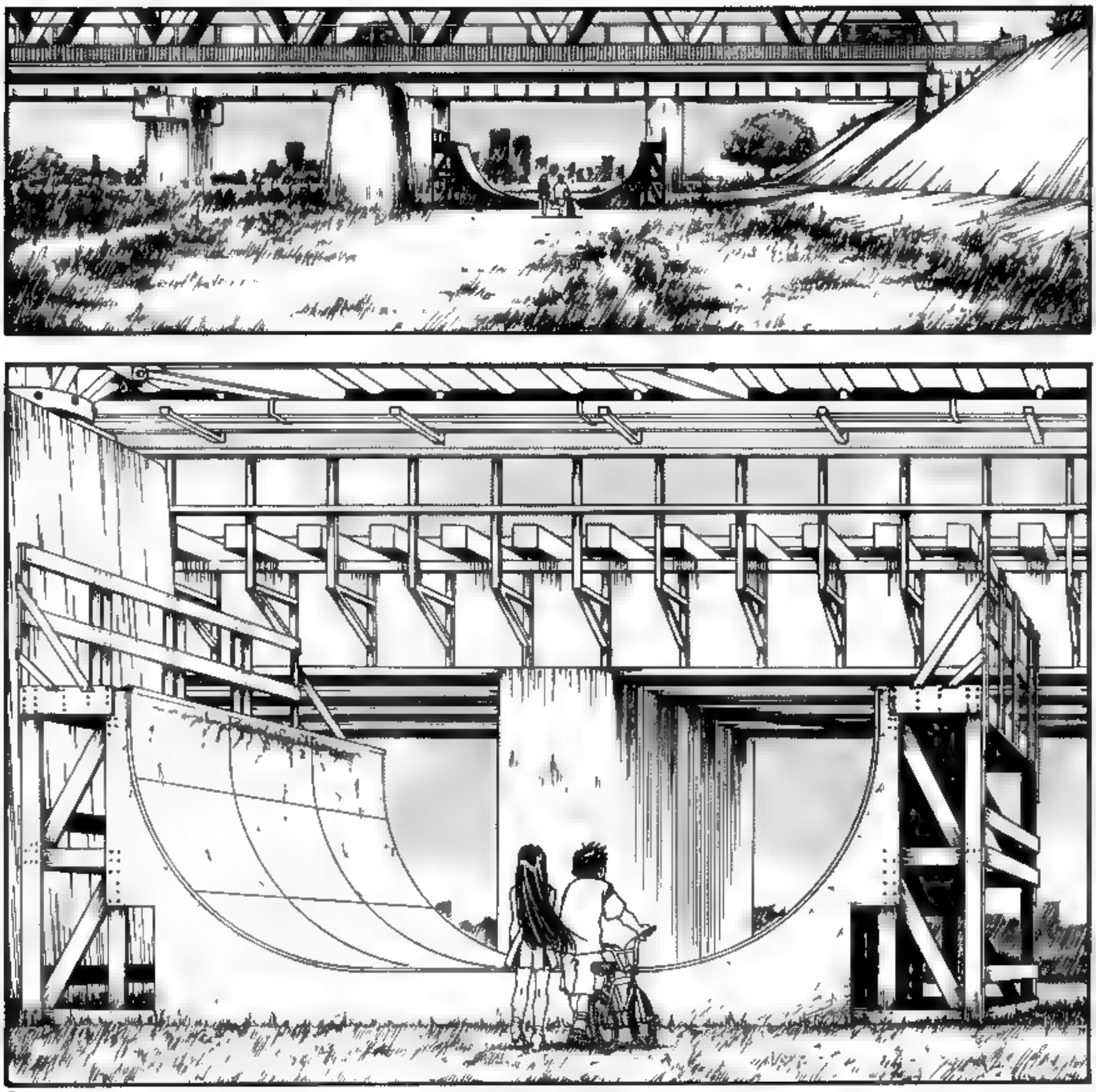
AA- NO- THAT IS...

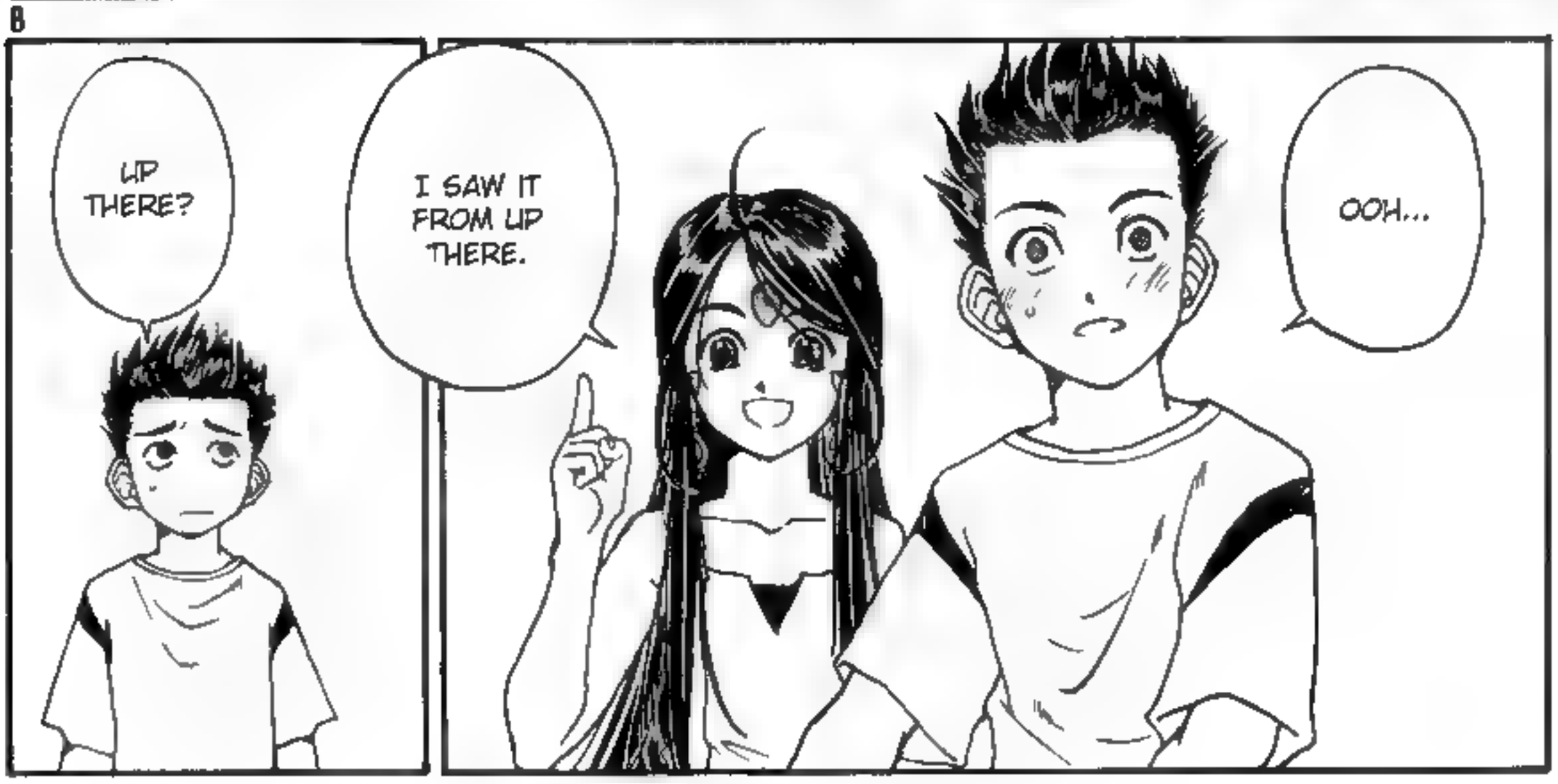


WELL, I FOUND A GOOD PLACE.

I WAS WONDERING WHERE WE WILL GO TODAY.

8





I SAW OTHER PEOPLE RIDING AROUND ON THAT ON TV.

REAL WAY.

AH, FROM UP ON THAT BRIDGE?

I wanna see... Can you show me?

THAT, UH...

YOU WANNA SEE ME DO IT?

WHEN I DO FLAT LANDS, I DO THE TRICK ON LEVEL GROUND.

BUT THIS RAMP IS USED FOR VERTICAL STUNTS.

YOU CAN DO FLATS AND TRICKS WITH A BMX.

BUT SENTARO-KUN CAN DO THAT, RIGHT?

YEAH.

EH... HH...

HERE GOES!

IT'S NOT LIKE I NEVER TRIED IT BEFORE.

GUESS I CAN TRY...

IF I CAN'T SHOW OFF SOMETHING GOOD, THEN I'M NOT A MAN AFTER ALL.

WAA!

SKY.

GROUND.

SAO.

I WANT TO.

SHOULD I TRY IT?

FEELS GREAT!

I BECOME WEIGHT-LESS.

RACING UP AND FLYING INTO THE SKY...

GYUN
GYUN



VROOSH

VRRR

AWESOME!

WHEN WE FIRST MET,

AH...

SENTARO-KUN!

YOU'RE SO COOL!



IT WAS LIKE THIS.

AH...

DWAA!
I WAS DAY-DREAMING!
AW, CRAP!
GAA

!!

BANPEI-KUN!



ぷしゅ

SMASH

SNAG

SSSH

YEA...

THANKS.

ARE YOU OKAY?

AH.

EH? ER...

AM I RIGHT?

SCARS ARE HISTORY.

HEH-- LOOKS LIKE I BUSTED IT AGAIN.

AH.

WELL UH. ACTUALLY ONLY ONE OF 'EM MATTERED

IT

OH ? BUT THAT ONE WAS REALLY IMPORTANT RIGHT?

UM, YEAH.

YOU WANNA KNOW WHY?

?

I'M GONNA GO HOME NOW.

EH? WAIT A MINUTE!



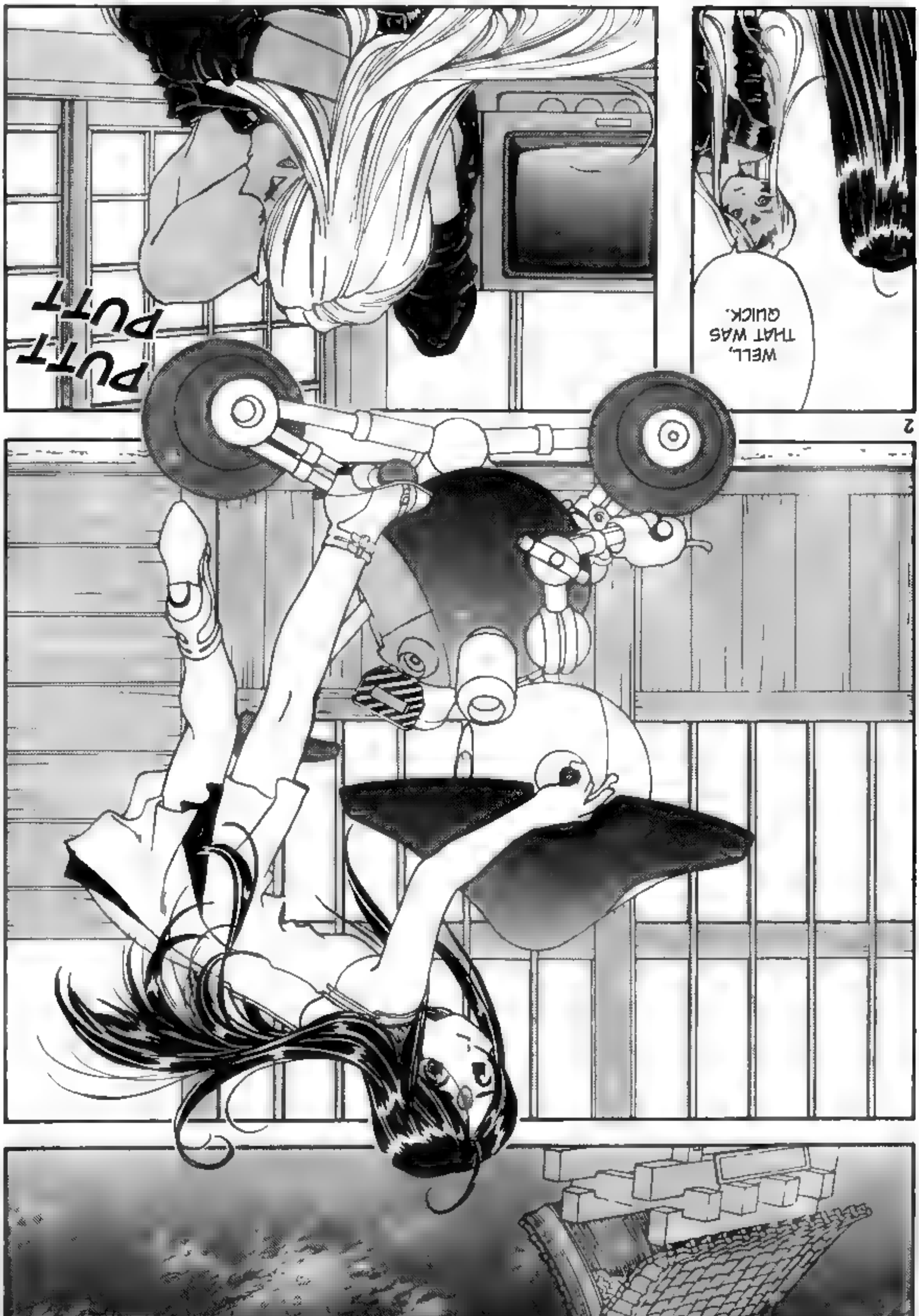
WHAT IS IT NOW? JEEZ...

IT'S ALWAYS A PAIN AFTER I FIRE THIS.

Chapter 216 / End

Chapter 217

# My Important Words, Your Cool And Clear Future


PUTT
PUTT
WELL,
THAT WAS
QUICK.
2

SHUFFLE SHUFFLE

I'M BACK.

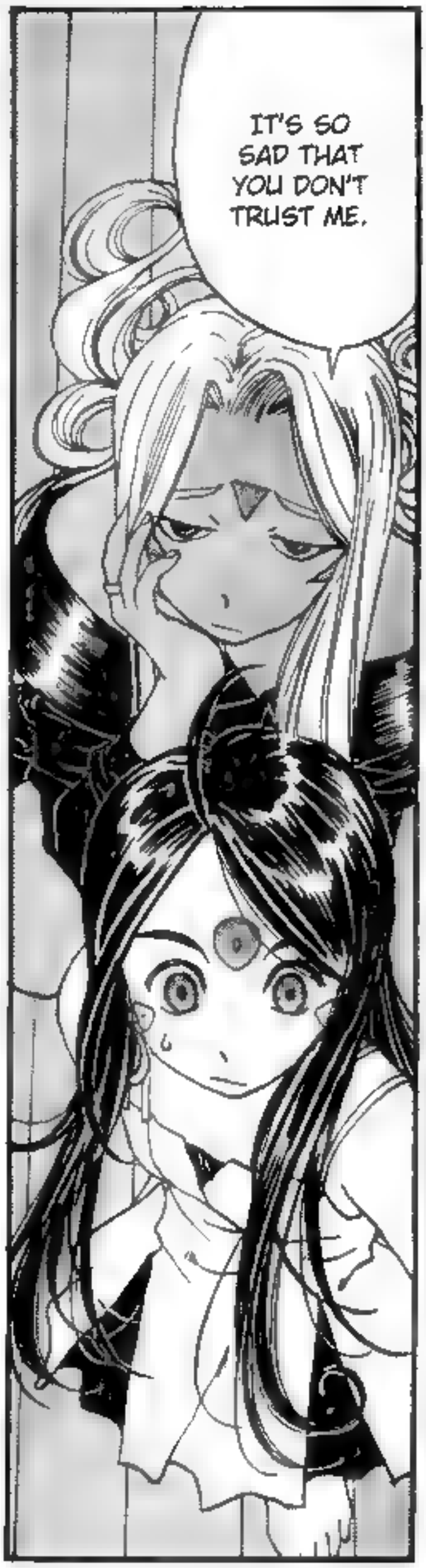


NOTHING HAPPENED!

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

BUT YOUR FACE SAYS YOU HAVE A LOT ON YOUR MIND.

U-U...


IT'S SO SAD THAT YOU DON'T TRUST ME.

JEEZ! LEAVE ME ALONE!

4


BOOM
SHUT UP!

WE'RE HOME!

AH...

Is she really sleeping?

SISTER, YOU'RE TAKING A NAP IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

AH?

BIG SIS—TERI

AAAAAA

6

I MEAN...

Yay!

WE BOUGHT YOU SOME ICE CREAM.

OH MY, SKULD.

131

BUT YOU'RE EATING IT ALRIGHT.

WHATEVER.

デーリ饅頭



THAT'S DEFINITELY SO.

SOMETHING'S WEIRD ABOUT SENTARO-KUN.

131

OH, GOOD MORNING, SISTER.

BEING UNFAITHFUL, HUH?



SENTARO-KUN IS PRETTY GOOD. MY OPINION OF HIM HAS CHANGED.

THAT'S THE TYPICAL BEHAVIOR OF BOYS WHO ARE GUILTY.

WHA-WHA-WHA-WHA?

THAT CAN'T POSSIBLY BE IT.

AND TO SAY YOU'RE OPINION'S CHANGED...

A BOY WHO DOESN'T YEARN FOR ANOTHER IS UNCHARMING.

OOH, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.

I'M SURE SENTARO-KUN HAS SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO CONVEY TO YOU.

THAT IS...

EH?

KEIICHI, IS THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN'T SAY?

MUST BE THAT.

SOMETHING HE WANTS TO SAY, BUT CAN'T.

HE RAN OFF... HE LEFT...

I'M GONNA GO THINK LONG AND HARD ABOUT THAT.



EVEN IF IT'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT, IT MAY STILL BE SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE EASILY SAID.

STRAIGHT TRUTH 3!

IF YOU MUST KNOW NO MATTER WHAT - USE THIS!

...

WHA—T?



FUCK

EH?

KEIICHI!

WELL, I'LL SHOW YOU PROOF.

CRAP, IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS!

SOOO, KEIICHI-KUN.

GULP

RIGHT NOW, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?



WILL I TURN INTO A FROG OR SOMETHING?

WILL I BE OKAY AFTER EATING SOME WEIRD DRUG?

AYA... AYA AYA...

I KNEW I COULDN'T RELY ON THESE PEOPLE FOR HELP.

AT LEAST I DIDN'T TURN INTO A FROG. THANK GOODNESS!

GIVING OTHERS WEIRD MEDICINE, THEN BEING ANGRY AT THEM.

WHAT WAS THA—T?



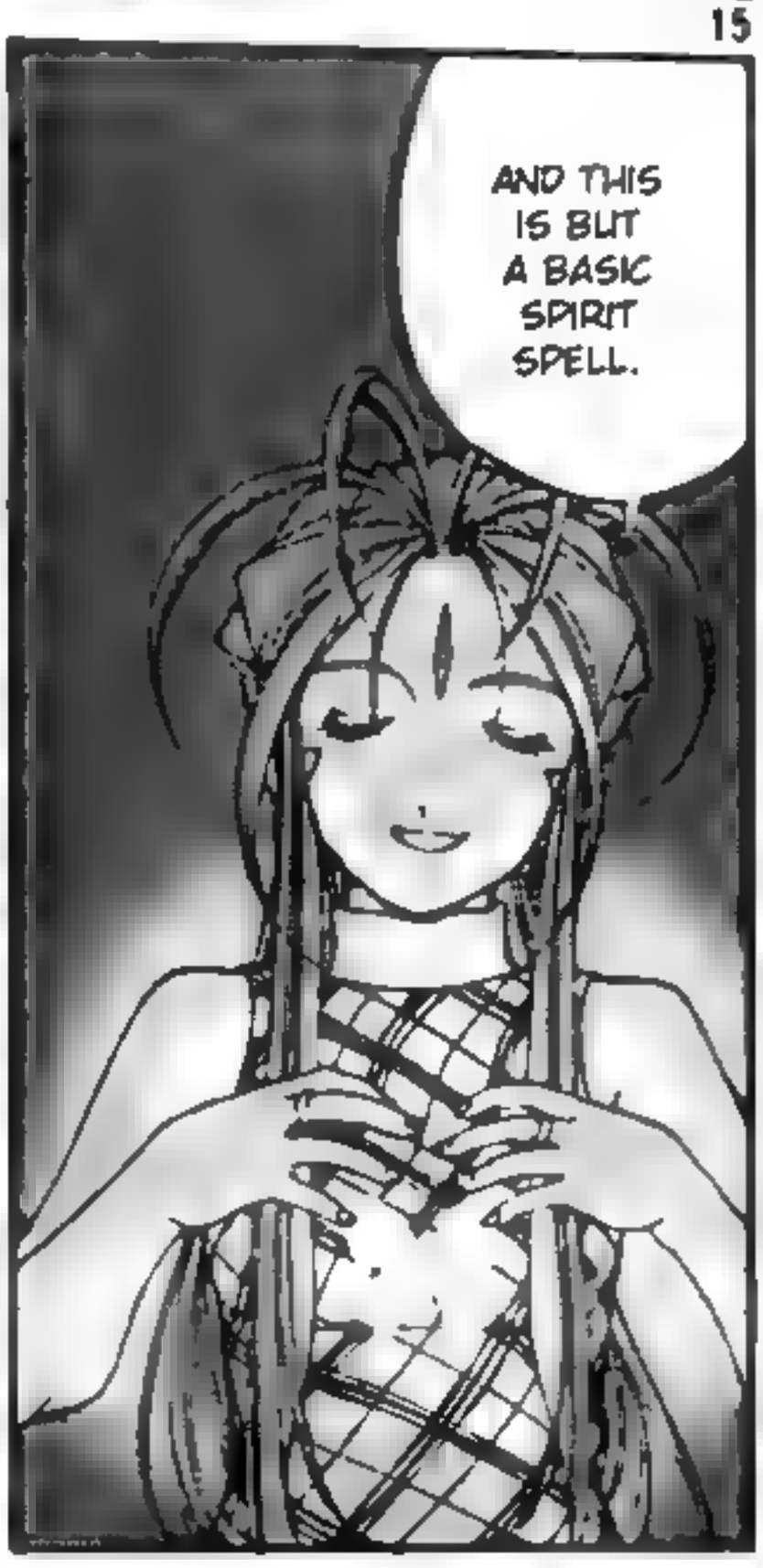
*Take on wind and light, become small wings and dance amid the air.*

SKULD, COME OVER HERE.

WAA...
YOU SEE, THEY BRING OUT OUR SMILES.

YOU ARE THE GODDESS WHO GOVERNS THE FUTURE.

IT'S DEFINITELY POSSIBLE IF I CALL ON THE WATER SPIRITS.

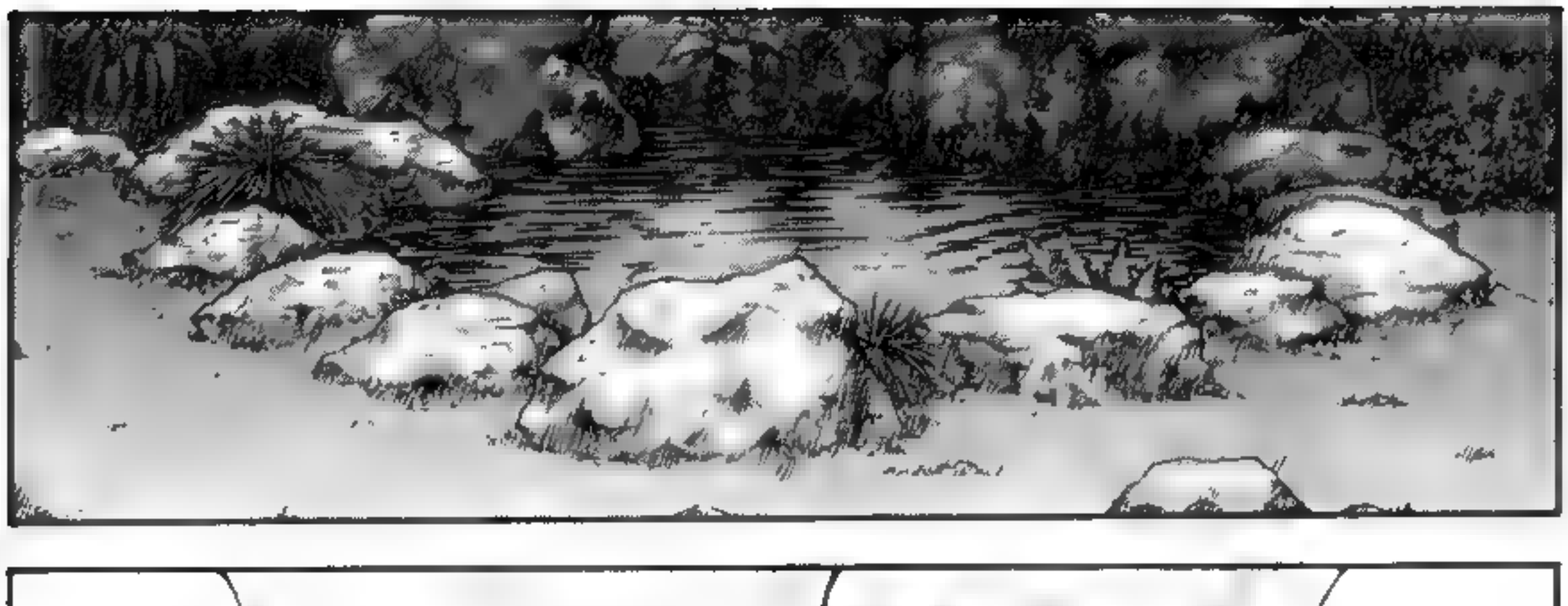

AND THIS IS BUT A BASIC SPIRIT SPELL.

THE FUTURE IS A TREASURE BOX OF POSSIBILITIES.

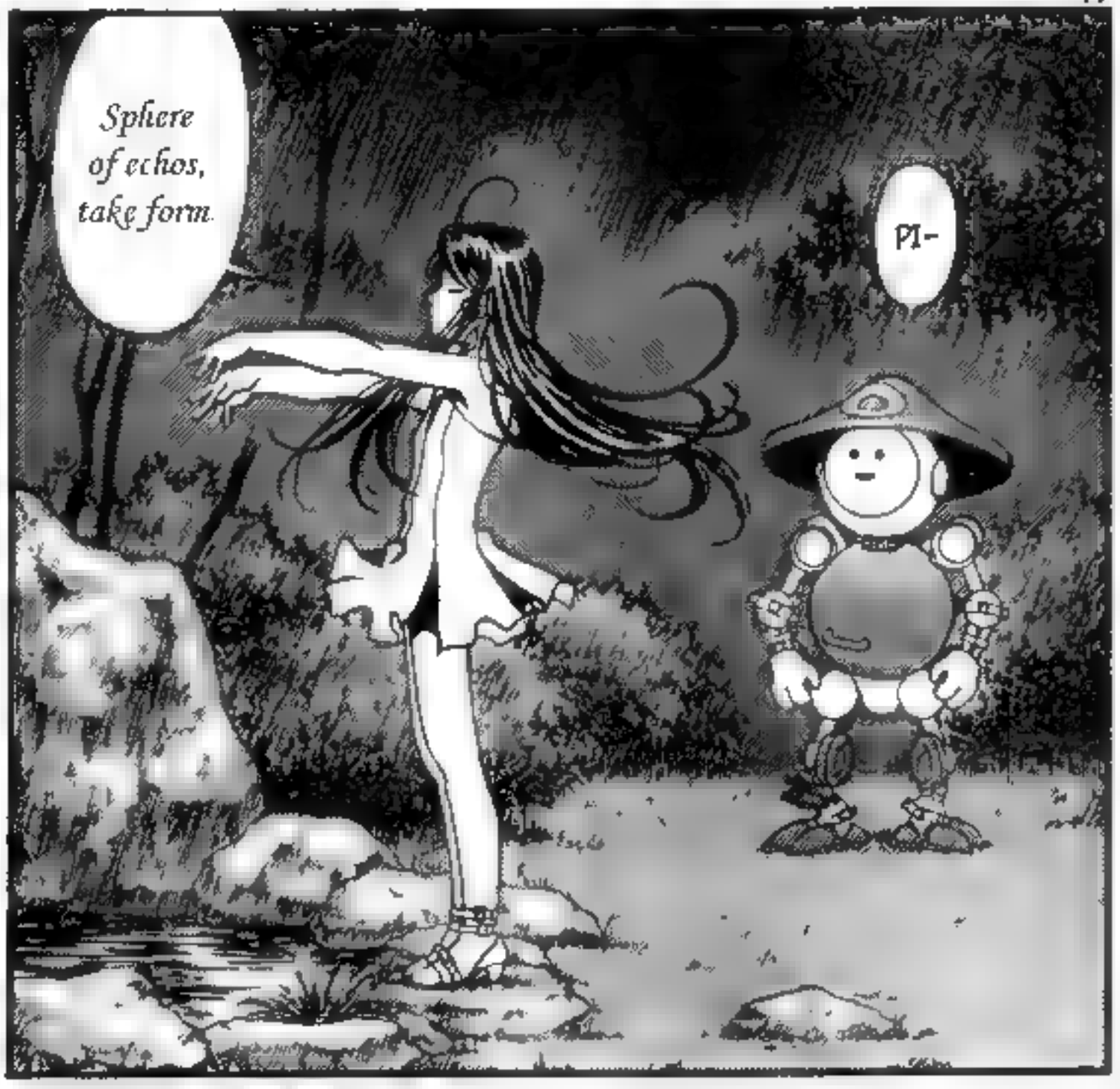
MOVE FORWARD ONE STEP AT A TIME.



RIGHT!



Envelop time, shatter time.
Listen to the song of the sky and flickering stars.


Sphere of echos, take form.
PI-

THE SPIRITS ARE COMING TO ANSWER HER.

SHE'S SPINNING THE WORDS THAT FLOW FROM HER HEART.

HEH...

OH, SHE CAN ACTUALLY CONCENTRATE NICELY.

I CAN USE THIS MAGIC!

I CAN DO IT...

# SURGE

IT'S RARE TO SEE SOMEONE WHO CAN MAKE SUCH AN ELEMENTARY SPELL FAIL SO GRANDIOSELY.

BI-

AH! BANPEI-KUN!

BI-

I'M GONNA TRY AGAIN!

I'M FINE!



I WAS ACTUALLY PRAISING YOU.

KYA! THIS IS TERRIBLE! HE'S SHORTING OUT!

AH...

BIG SISTER ...

デーリ饅頭



Chapter 217 / End

## chapter 218.
# A Goddess's Divine Protection

SENTARO-KUN.

WE..COME.

ONEE-SAN...

...WAITING FOR ME?

WERE YOU...

EH?

I WAS WAITING FOR YOU.

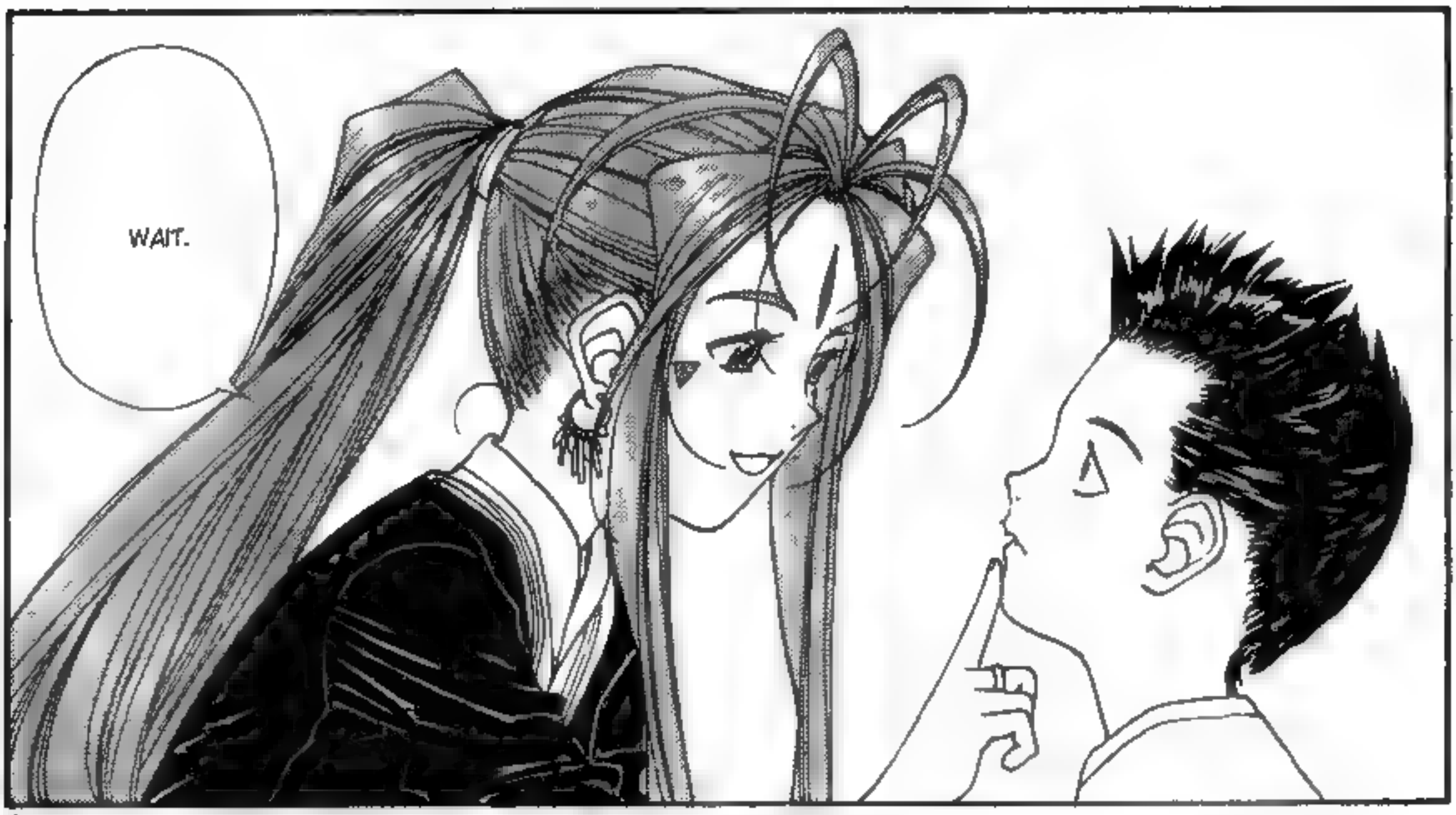
YES,

UMM...

3

...I WANT TO TELL SKULD.

WELL, I HAVE SOME-THING...


WAIT.

4

IMPORTANT THINGS MUST BE PROPERLY CONVEYED THROUGH SENTARO-KUN'S OWN LIPS.

SKULD WON'T GET ANGRY.

IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT. NO MATTER WHAT IT IS,

YOU'RE.... RIGHT.

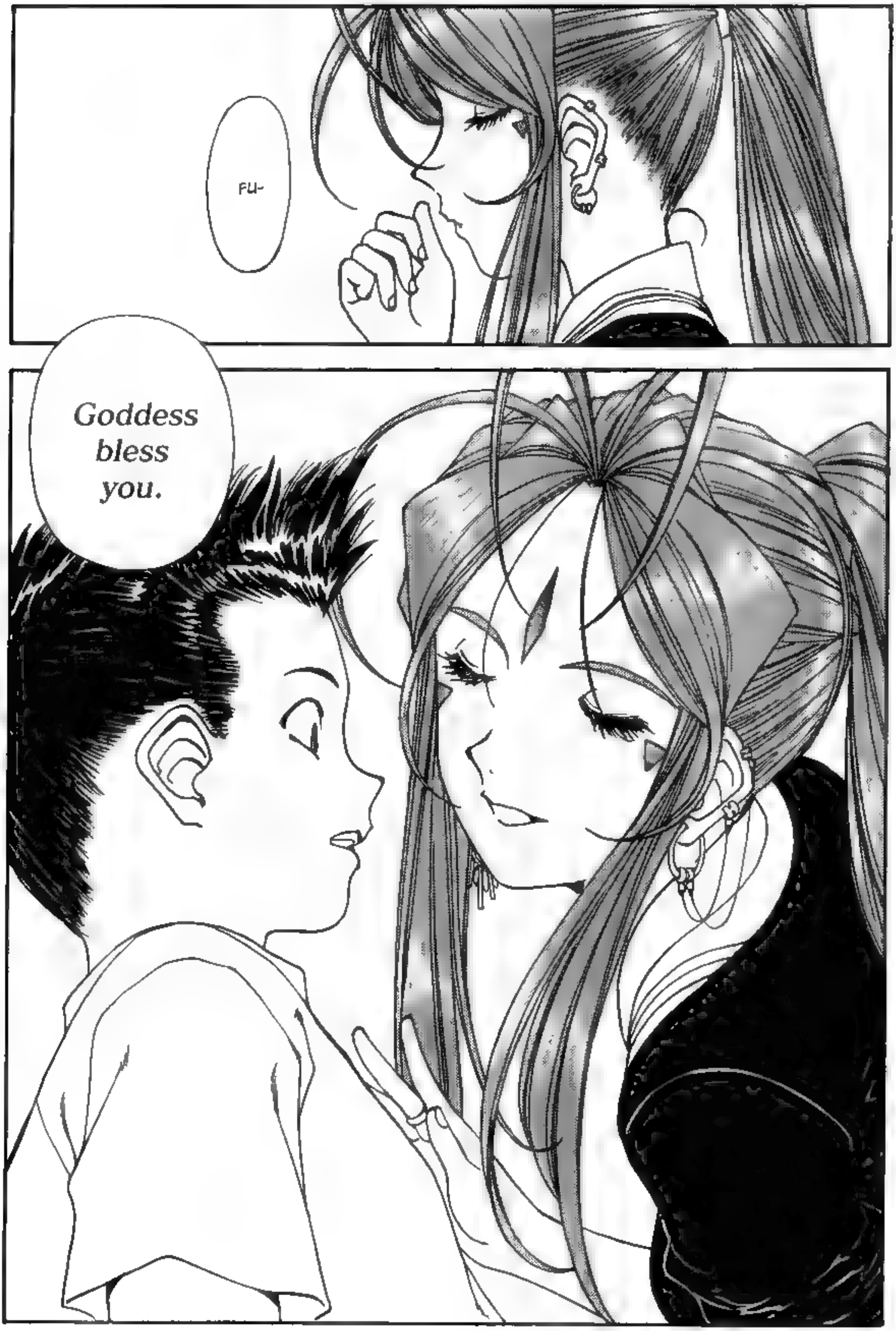
...

THEN ALL THE MORE SO.

AND IF YOU CARE A LOT FOR SKULD,

BUT... I THINK SHE WILL.

THEN, HOW ABOUT I GIVE YOU A GOOD LUCK CHARM?


FU-
*Goddess bless you.*

AH!

WHAT WAS--

AH..

THUD

EH?

Maybe I'll have to swap out the entire control system.

SKU--LD!

SENTARO-KUN IS HERE.

UH.
AH!

MORNING!
UMM.

IYAAAA!
EH?

...MUST IT BE WHEN I LOOK LIKE THIS...?

WH.... WH- WH- WH- WHY...

CU--

UMM...

WHAT?

PERFECTLY?

PERFECTLY--

AA. . IT'S FINE!

PERFECTLY CUTE!

.....

NO, IT'S OK.

I'M SORRY ABOUT YESTER-DAY.

Uuuu, my stomach! I'm dying!

10

NOT THE USUAL TODAY?

SO I'M DOING A COMPLETE OVERHAUL.

IT GOT COMPLETELY SOAKED YESTER-DAY.

SO THAT'S IT.

商店

THE USUAL CORNER STORE.

THE GANG'S SECRET BASE, MAHARA SHRINE.

WHERE ARE WE GOING TODAY?

THE HEART-STOPPING SLOPE.

THE PARK WE ALWAYS GO TO.

THE BRIDGE WHERE I MET UP WITH SKULD.

THAT I WANT TO GO.

UM. .. TODAY, THERE'S A CERTAIN PLACE ..

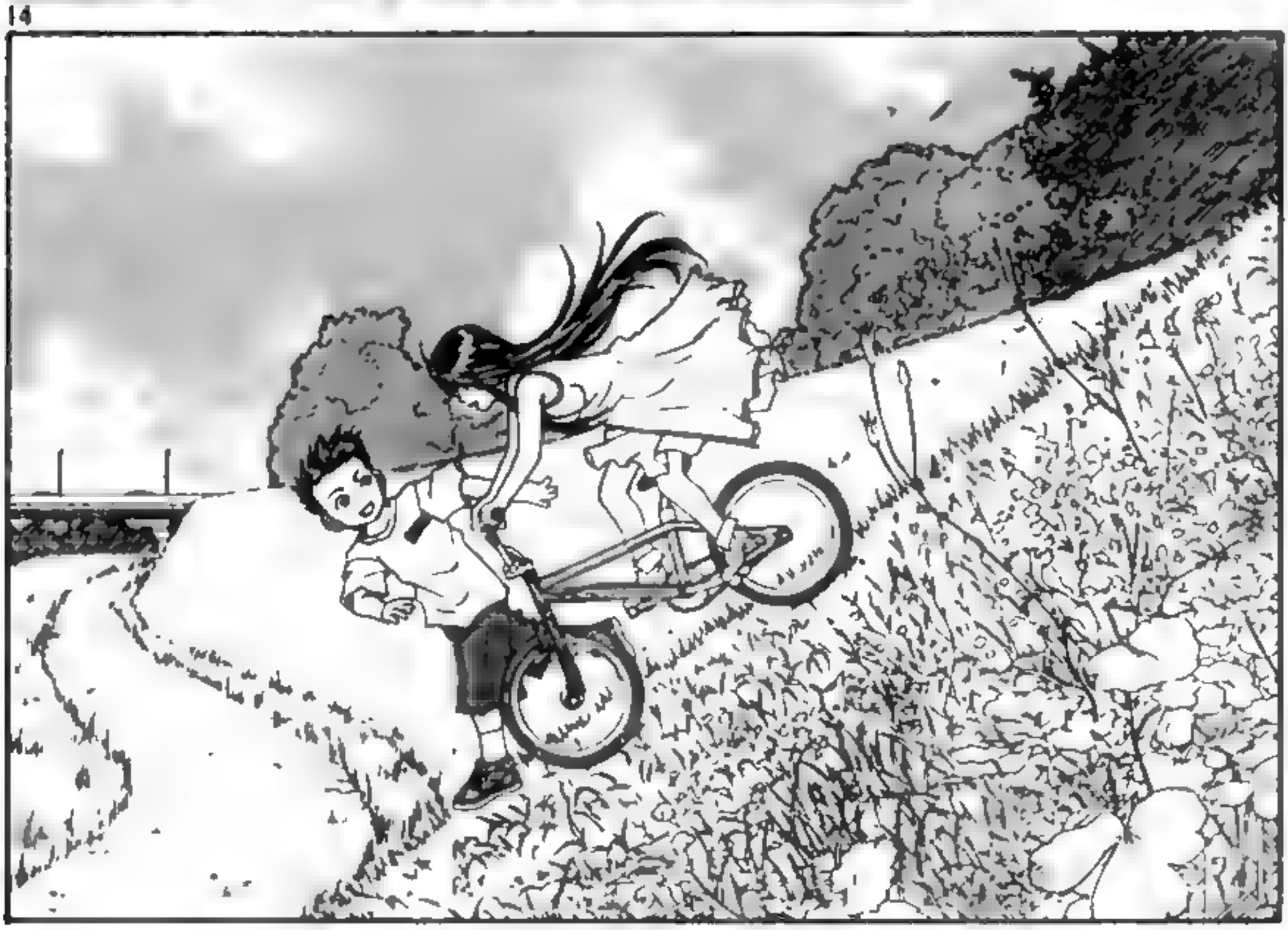


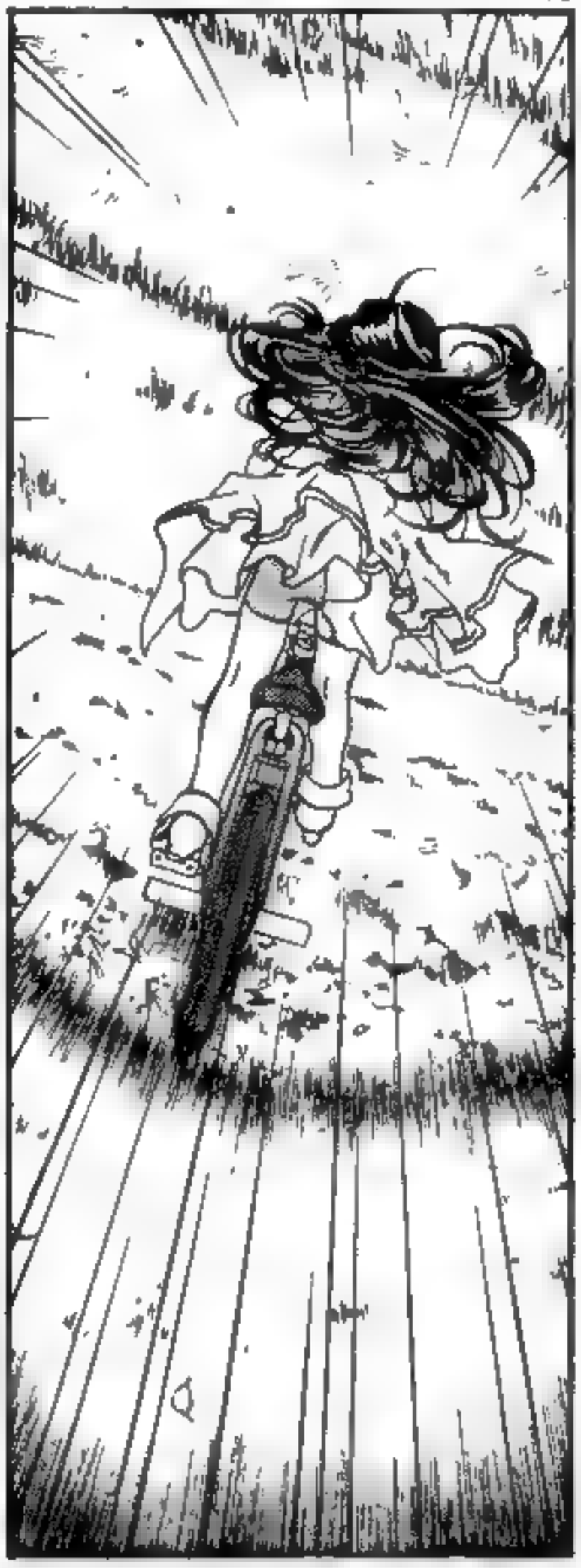
IT'S THE SAME RIVERBED AS BEFORE

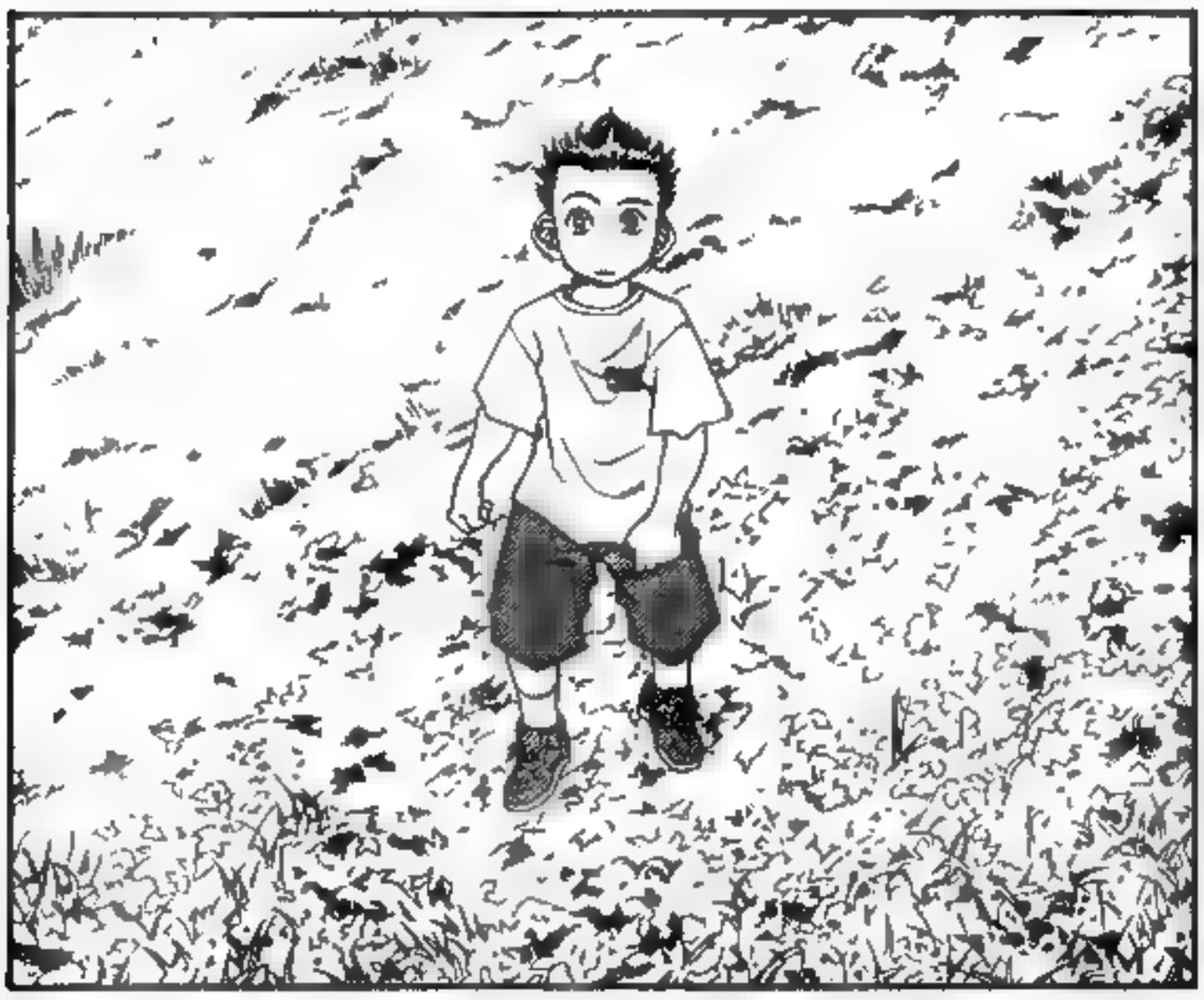
BUT--

YEAH
TO DO THE SAME THING, AT THE SAME PLACE...









IF I CAN'T TELL HER MYSELF...

TOMORROW ...

HEY, TEACH ME MORE ABOUT RIDING BIKES TOMORROW, OKAY?



STARTING TOMORROW, I CAN'T PLAY WITH YOU ANYMORE.

I'M SORRY, SKULD.

EH?

17

... TOMORROW.

WE'RE GONNA MOVE...

WOOSH

WOOF

WOOF

WOW--!

THWAK

CLICK CLACK

I JUST WANT ...

...TO BE AN ADULT SOON.

AND OF COURSE, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

I CAN'T GO ANYWHERE BY MYSELF.

BEING A KID SUCKS.

WHAAT? IS THAT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?

...

PREFEC-TURE? WHAT'S THAT?

I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOU ANYMORE!

I'M GONNA GO TO ANOTHER PREFEC-TURE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN.... WHAT?

...

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

AND I CAN GO TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EARTH

SENTARO-KUN HAS A BIKE,



BEFORE YOU SAY "ADULT" OR "CHILD."

...IF WE JUST ADVANCE ONE STEP.

WE CAN GO ANYWHERE...

UNDER THIS VAST SKY,

ABOVE AND EVEN BEYOND THIS SKY,

THAT'S RIGHT.

YEAH.

...

...YOU'RE VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE, HUH?

SKULD,



THAT'S BECAUSE I'M THE GODDESS WHO GOVERNS THE FUTURE.

Chapter 218 / End